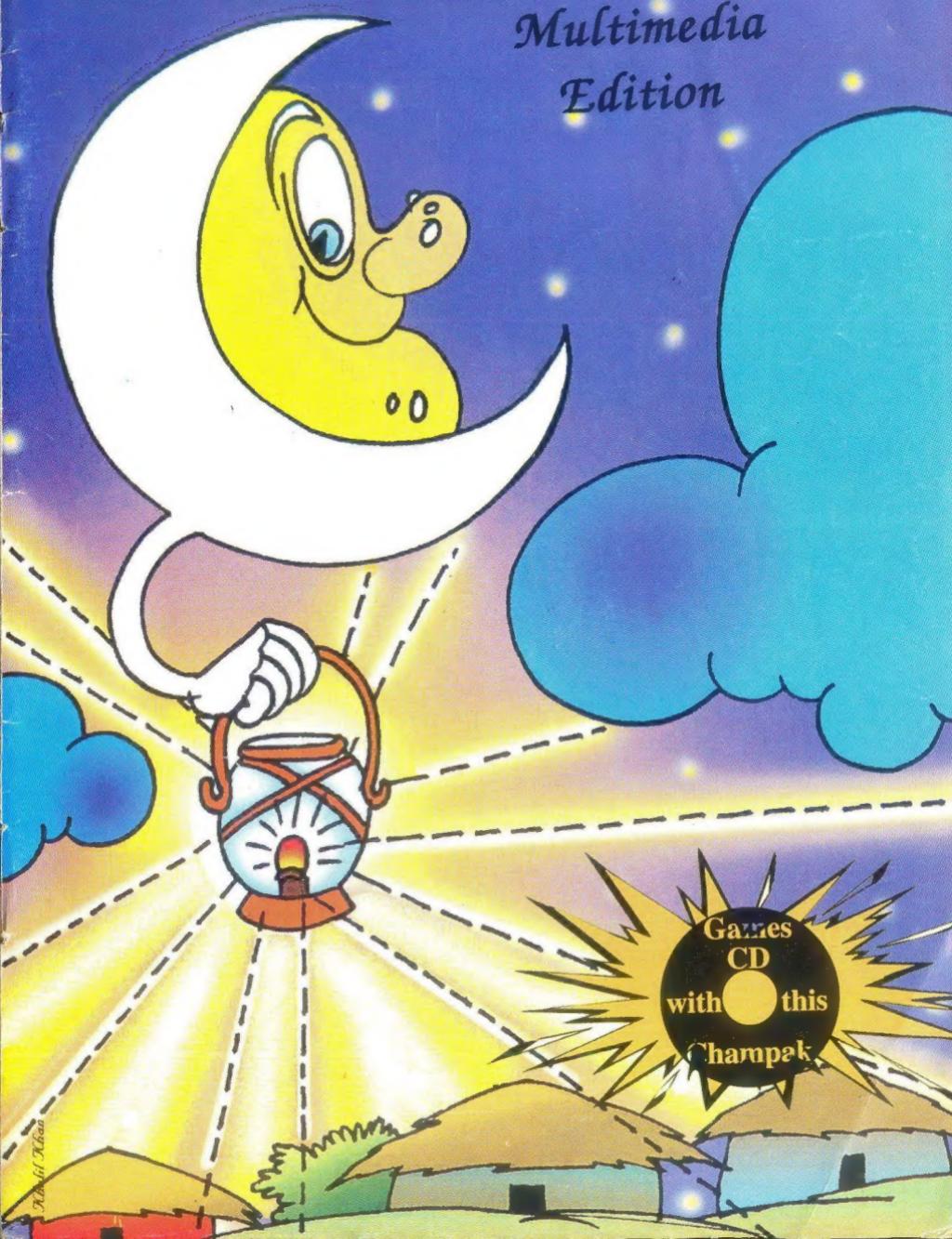


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MR LAZY AND MR HARDWORKING

BY K. KHAN

MR LAZY MONKEY LIVED IN A JUNGLE. HE WAS A DOCTOR BUT DID EVERYTHING LAZILY.



HIS WIFE ALWAYS USED TO SAY TO HIM—

YOU ARE VERY LAZY. LOOK AT YOUR FRIEND MR HARDWORKING MONKEY, HE IS SO AGILE.



YOUR LAZINESS WILL DESTROY YOU ONE DAY, BETTER GET RID OF THIS BAD HABIT.



BUT MR LAZY MONKEY DID NOT MEND HIS WAYS AND CONTINUED DOING EVERYTHING LAZILY.



ONE DAY HE HAD TO VISIT TO TREAT AN AILING ELEPHANT IN THE NEIGHBOURING JUNGLE.

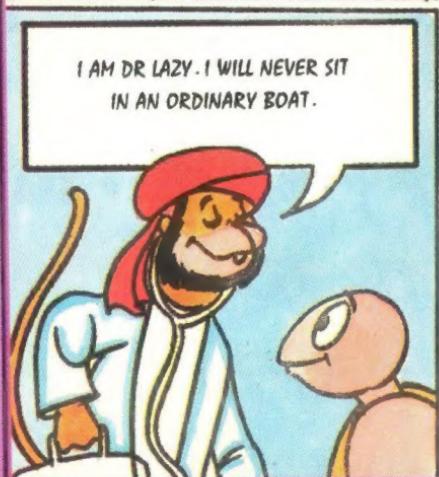
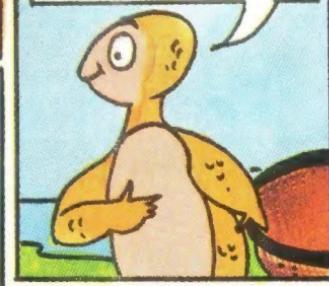


MR LAZY MONKEY REACHED NEAR THE RIVER. HE HAD TO CROSS THE RIVER. AILING ELEPHANT'S JUNGLE WAS ACROSS THE RIVER. DOCTOR LAZY WAS LATE TO ARRIVE AT THE RIVER. THE MORNING BOAT HAD ALREADY SAILED OUT WITH THE PASSENGERS.



NEARBY THE TORTOISE, THE OWNER OF BASKET BOAT, WAS STANDING. HE SAW THE DOCTOR WORRIED. SO HE SAID—

WELCOME DOCTOR, GET INTO MY BOAT. I WILL FERRY YOU ACROSS THE RIVER.



NEVER MIND, I WILL CROSS
THE RIVER AT AFTERNOON.



DR HARDWORKING MONKEY SAT
IN THE BASKET BOAT AND
CROSSED THE RIVER.

SUDDENLY, DR HARDWORKING
MONKEY CAME OVER AND HE SAID
SOMETHING TO TORTOISE—

LOOK, QUICKLY TAKE ME
ACROSS THE RIVER. I HAVE TO
GO AND CHECK UP AILING
PATIENT.



ON THE OTHER HAND DR LAZY MONKEY
WAITED THE WHOLE DAY FOR THE BOAT,
BUT THE BOAT NEVER RETURNED.



DR HARDWORKING QUICKLY REACHED AT THE HOUSE OF THE AILING ELEPHANT. HE EXAMINED HIS PATIENT AND PRESCRIBED THE MEDICINES. THE ELEPHANT GOT THE INSTANT RELIEF.

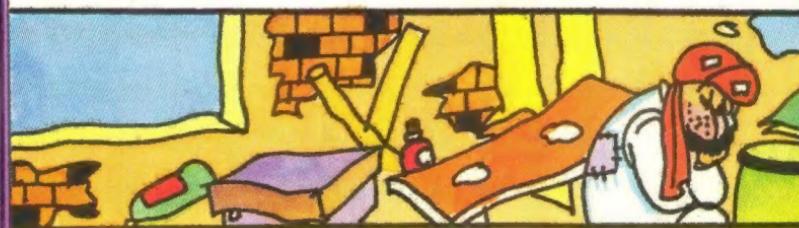


THE ELEPHANT GAVE A LOT OF FRUITS TO DR HARDWORKING AS HIS FEES.

BECAUSE OF HIS HARD WORK DR HARDWORKING MONKEY PROGRESSED BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.



ON THE OTHER HAND DR LAZY MONKEY'S CLINIC WAS SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF HIS LAZINESS.



MORAL: WE SHOULD LEAVE LAZINESS AND WORK HARD TO SUCCEED IN LIFE.

THREE ADVICES

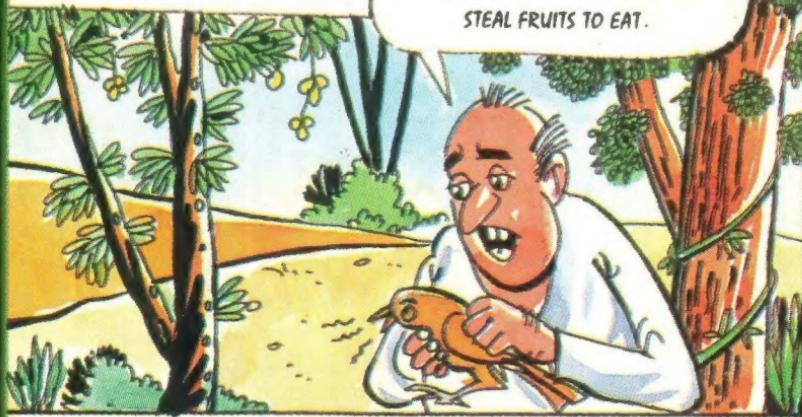
BY
SHIRAZ MUJAWAR

ONCE A MAN CAUGHT A FRUIT-EATER BIRD IN HIS GARDEN.



THE MAN SAID TO BIRD—

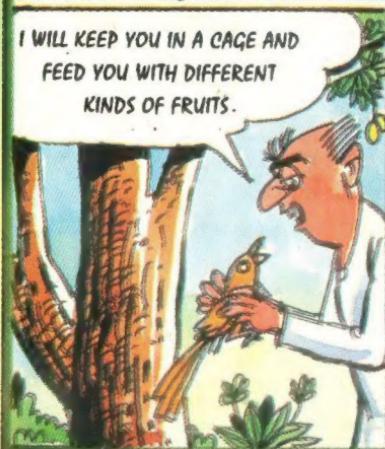
NOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO
STEAL FRUITS TO EAT.



I WILL KEEP YOU IN A CAGE AND
FEED YOU WITH DIFFERENT
KINDS OF FRUITS.

THE BIRD SAID—

YOU WILL GIVE ME FRUITS BUT
I WILL NOT EAT THEM.

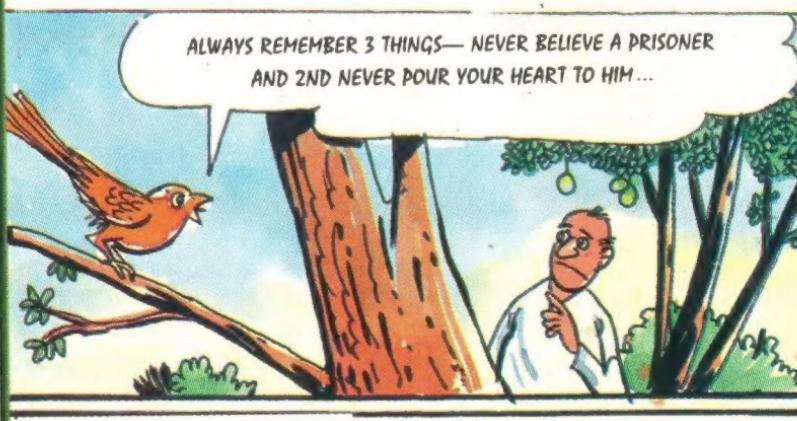


'THEN THE BIRD WILL DIE,' THOUGHT THE MAN AND HE RELEASED HIM.



THE BIRD FLEW AWAY AND PERCHED HIMSELF ON HIGHEST BRANCH OF A TREE AND SAID—

ALWAYS REMEMBER 3 THINGS— NEVER BELIEVE A PRISONER
AND 2ND NEVER POUR YOUR HEART TO HIM...



... AND THE 3RD, IF YOU LOSE HIM, NEVER EVER REPENT.



AFTER GIVING THESE 3 ADVICES, THE BIRD FLEW AWAY.

It is Funtime

Patient: Doctor, my heart-beat is faster than it should be. Give me some medicine to bring it to normal.

The doctor gave a red cloth to the patient.

Patient: Doctor, what should I do with this red cloth?

Doctor: Seeing a red cloth even trains stop. Can't it stop your racing heart-beat?

—L. Tripathy, Bhubaneswar.

*

One day a man was strolling in the park with his 3 dogs. One boy named Rahul came to him and asked,

'How cute these dogs are! What are their names. Please tell me, Uncle.'

The man replied, 'Hari, Ravi and Sonu.'

Very fantastic names. Uncle, what is your name?

Uncle said: 'Tommy.'

—Avik Banerjee, Chandigarh.

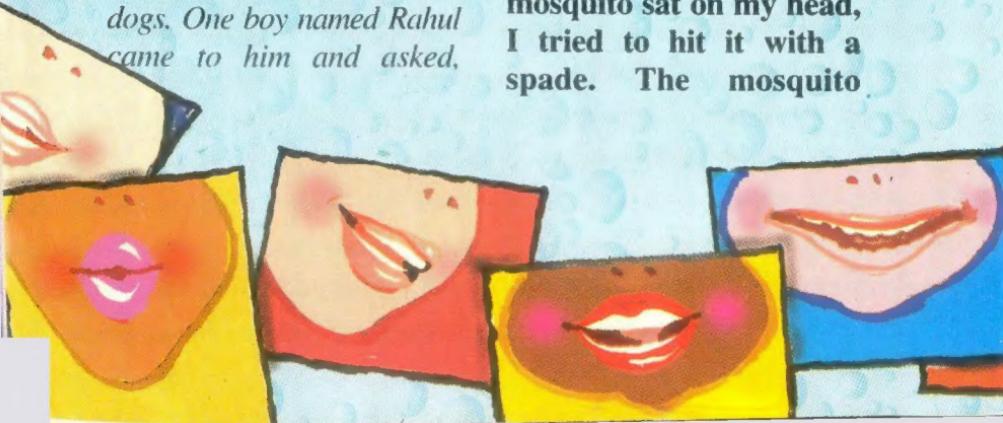
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Ritu: Rohan, why have you got a big lump on your head?

Rohan: I was bitten by a mosquito.

Ritu: Did the mosquito bite you so hard?

Rohan: No, when the mosquito sat on my head, I tried to hit it with a spade. The mosquito



escaped and the spade hit my head.

—*Rubika Narula, Ethiopia.*

*

Boy (to the shopkeeper): How much is this thermometer for?

Shopkeeper: 3 rupees.

Boy: Why? I bought one like this 3 days ago for Rs 2.

Shopkeeper: At what time did you buy the thermometer?

Boy: About 8 o'clock in the morning.

Shopkeeper: Ah, well it is 12 o'clock now. Thermometers are always higher at noon. —*Suraj, Cuttack.*

*

Madhu (to Mohan): Why is your hair falling?

Mohan: Due to worry.

Madhu: Worry about what?

Mohan: What else? Worry about my hair falling. —*Puja Salem.*

*

Ravi: Sohan, why doesn't the sun rise at night?

Sohan: Sun is there at night also.

Ravi: Then why is it that we are not able to see the sun at night?

Sohan: It is because it is dark. How can you see it in the dark, you fool?

—*Mahesh, Vellore.*

*

Teacher: How old would be a person who was born in 1944?

Student: Man or woman? —*Amod, Mumbai.*

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GRANDPA AND MASKS

BY VENU VARIATH

GRANDDA, TODAY I
WATCH A PROGRAMME
ON MASKS ON TV.



YEAH! BROTHER SAID
IT WAS A GOOD
PROGRAMME.

THAT IS
GOOD!

IS NOT THE MASK A
TOY FOR CHILDREN
TO PLAY WITH?



YES, BUT IN OLDEN
TIMES IT WAS MEANT,
AS A WEAPON.



LIKE THE BOW AND ARROW
IT WAS USED TO SCARE
AWAY ENEMIES.



A WEAPON?

YES. IS NOT IT A GREAT THING TO SCARE AWAY YOUR ENEMIES WITHOUT EVEN HAVING
TO USE A SINGLE ARROW? THAT IS HOW MASKS CAME INTO BEING.



WHICH ENEMIES WERE SCARED AWAY USING MASKS?

GHOSTS AND DEMONS.



IT WAS BELIEVED THAT, GIVEN A CHANCE, GHOSTS AND DEMONS WOULD DEVOUR HUMANS.



TO SCARE THESE MISCHIEVOUS ELEMENTS, THE NATIVES OF AFRICA DEVELOPED MASKS AND USED THEM. THESE MASKS HAD HUGE ROUND EYES AND LONG MOUSTACHES.



WERE THESE GHOSTS AND DEMONS FOR REAL?



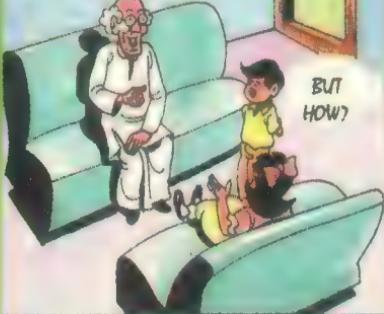
NO. IT WAS A TIME WHEN MEN WERE SLAVE TO SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEVES AND PRACTICES. MOREOVER, THEY BELIEVED IN THE GHOSTS...



...AND DEMONS TARGETED CHILDREN MORE THAN GROWN UPS.



THE BELIEF THAT THESE MASKS SCARED THE GHOSTS AWAY GAVE THE CHILDREN MORE FREEDOM.

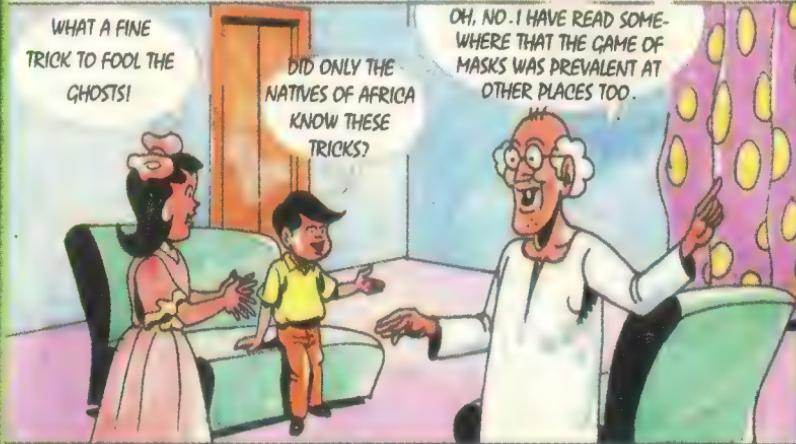


MASKS FEATURING OLD MEN AND ANIMALS WERE PUT UP ON THE FACES OF CHILDREN. SO THE GHOSTS AND DEMONS WERE UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE MASKS AND THE CHILDREN.



WHAT A FINE TRICK TO FOOL THE GHOSTS!

DID ONLY THE NATIVES OF AFRICA KNOW THESE TRICKS?



MASKS USED TO BE MADE OF THE SKIN OF ANIMALS AND THE BARK OF TREES.

HOW STRANGE!



THOUGH FIRST USED TO SCARE THE GHOSTS AWAY, MASKS CAME TO BE USED FOR RELIGIOUS PRACTICES.



BUT THESE MASKS MADE OF MUD WERE USED ONLY IN CERTAIN OCCASIONS.



THE ABORIGINES OF SUDAN AND CAMEROON MADE A VARIETY OF MASKS THAT ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE AND ELEGANT.



THE PEOPLE OF CAMEROON EVEN TO THIS DAY WEAR MASKS FOR THEIR DANCES.

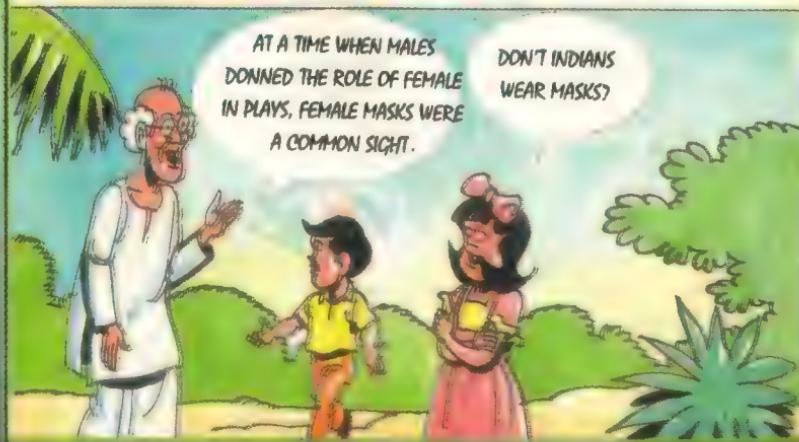


THE IMPORTANCE OF MASKS INCREASED WITH THEIR INCREASING USE IN PLAYS IN THE 16TH CENTURY.



AT A TIME WHEN MALES DONNED THE ROLE OF FEMALE IN PLAYS, FEMALE MASKS WERE A COMMON SIGHT.

DON'T INDIANS WEAR MASKS?



OH, YES. THE KATHAKALI OF KERALA HAS A PRECURSOR—RAMANATTOM. THE RAMANATTOM WHICH HAD ITS ORIGINS IN THE 17TH CENTURY MADE USE OF MASKS. OTHER STATES TOO HAD THEIR FOLK ARTS USING MASKS.



KATHAKALI.



APART FROM ALL THESE, SWIMMERS AND DOCTORS TOO WEAR MASKS. BUT THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM MASKS AS WE KNOW THEM.



DOCTORS USE MASK IN OPERATION THEATRES WHILE SWIMMERS USE THEM WHILE SWIMMING.



IN ANCIENT GREECE, ACTORS ON STAGE USED 2 DIFFERENT MASKS TO ACT OUT HAPPY AND SAD PARTS.



GRANDPA, IT IS TIME FOR 'THE MASK' NOW.

OKAY CHILDREN.



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UNITY

BY KHALIL KHAN

FEW PARROTS LIVED IN A JUNGLE.

ONE OF THEM WAS AN OLD AND MOST EXPERIENCED PARROT.

HE ALWAYS ADVISED YOUNG PARROTS.

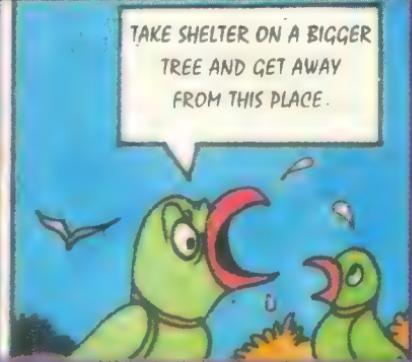


ONE DAY STRONG WIND STARTED BLOWING. ALL THE TREES BEGAN SWAYING BADLY IN STRONG WIND. THE YOUNG PARROTS WERE SCARED AND BEGAN SHOUTING—

LET US RUN AWAY. THE STORM IS ABOUT TO CAUSE HAVOC HERE.



TAKE SHELTER ON A BIGGER TREE AND GET AWAY FROM THIS PLACE.



THE OLD PARROT SAID—

DON'T GET SCARED, THE STRONG WIND CANNOT CAUSE ANY HARM TO OUR YOUNG SMALL TREES.



DON'T LEAVE THESE TREES, OTHERWISE YOU WILL LAND UP IN TROUBLE.



THE YOUNG PARLOTS DID NOT TAKE OLD PARROT'S ADVICE SERIOUSLY AND THEY AGAIN STARTED SHOUTING.

WE WILL PERCH ON THE STRONGEST AND THE TALLEST TREE. WE DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE ON SMALLER TREES.



THE OLD PARROT ONCE AGAIN ADVISED—

YOU ALL ARE TAKING A HASTY DECISION. LISTEN TO WHAT I AM SAYING. DON'T LEAVE YOUR SMALL TREES.



BUT THE YOUNG PARLOTS PAID NO HEED TO THE OLD PARROT'S ADVICE AND THEY FLEW AWAY.



THE OLD PARROT BECAME SAD.
HE WAS LEFT ALL ALONE
ON THE SMALL TREE.



ON THE OTHER HAND THE YOUNG
PARROTS PERCHED THEMSELVES ON A
TALL TREE NEAR THE RIVER.



THE WIND FLOW ON THE RIVER
WAS VERY STRONG.



ONE DAY DURING THE NIGHT, STRONG WIND STARTED BLOWING. THE TALL TREE
WAS VERY OLD AND WAS THE ONLY TREE ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER. IT WAS
DIFFICULT FOR THE TREE TO BEAR THE AIR PRESSURE.



THE AIR PRESSURE KEPT ON INCREASING AND
ULTIMATELY THE TREE FELL IN THE RIVER
DURING A PITCH DARK NIGHT.



MANY PARROTS WERE WASHED
AWAY IN THE RIVER AND MANY
WERE INJURED.



1 OR 2 PARROTS WHO SURVIVED, FLEW
BACK TOWARDS THEIR SMALL TREE.



THEY APOLOGISED TO
THE OLD PARROT.



THE INJURED PARROT ASKED THE OLD PARROT—

WHY THESE SMALL TREES SURVIVED
THE STORM WHEREAS BIGGER TREE
NEAR THE RIVER FELL DOWN.



THE OLD PARROT SAID—

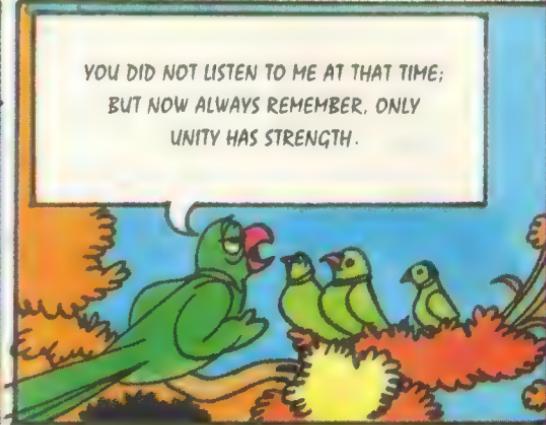
THE SMALLER TREES WERE UNITED. THE SMALL BRANCHES HAD HELD THE BRANCHES OF OTHER TREES FIRMLY. THE STORM COULD NOT SEPARATE THEM.



THE OLD TREE WAS ALL ALONE.
THEREFORE WITHOUT ANY SUPPORT IT FELL DOWN.



YOU DID NOT LISTEN TO ME AT THAT TIME;
BUT NOW ALWAYS REMEMBER, ONLY
UNITY HAS STRENGTH.

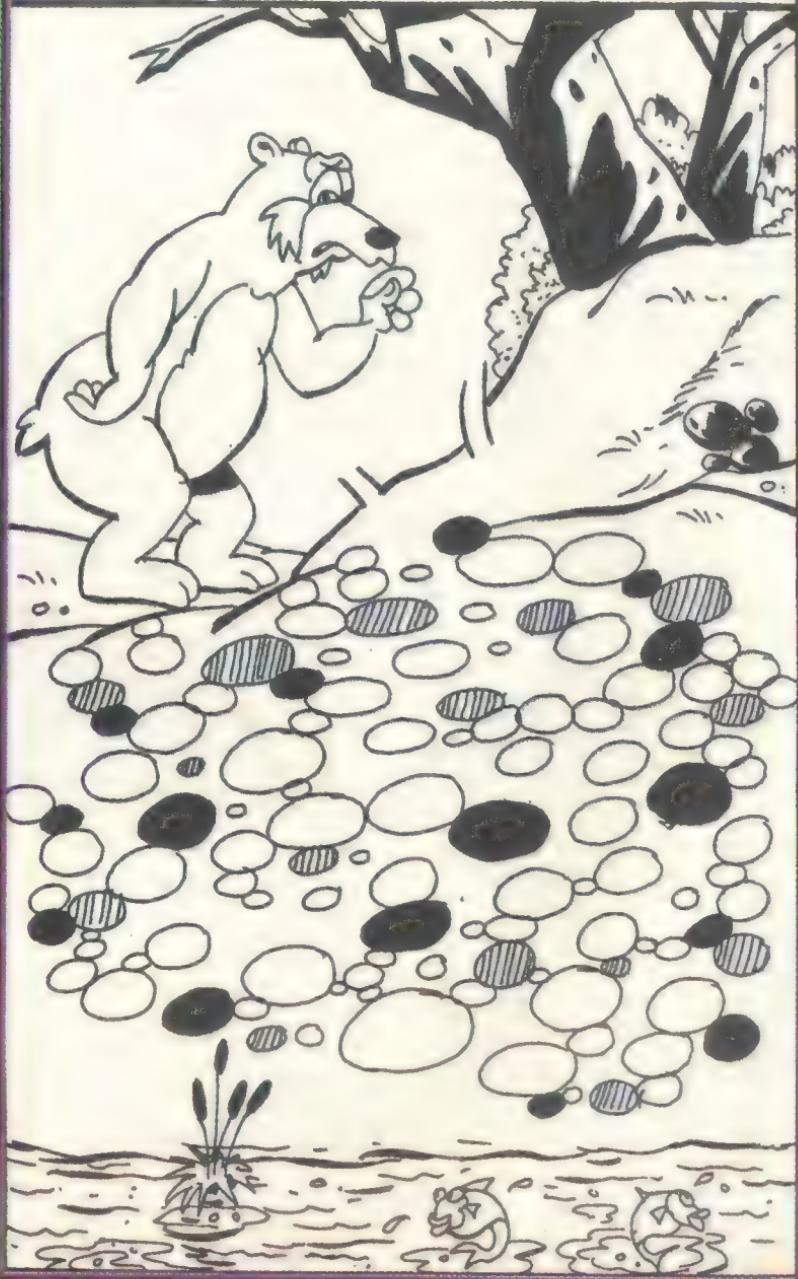


SURVIVING PARROTS TOOK THE OLD PARROT'S ADVICE SERIOUSLY.
THEY ALL STARTED LIVING AMICABLY ON THE SMALLER TREES.



MORAL : WE SHOULD LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF OUR ELDERS.

Lead the Bear to the fishes.



TAGGO PLANET'S THREAT

THIS IS A STORY OF YOUNG BOY TEENU AND 'SUPER INDIAN,' THE ROBOT MADE BY HIS UNCLE SCIENTIST RAMAN. SUPER INDIAN WAS DESIGNED TO USE ALL OF HIS POWER TO NEUTRALISE ANY THREAT ON THE PLANET EARTH. TEENU WHO LIVED ON THE EARTH PEN-FRIENDS A CREATURE ON TAGGO PLANET. THIS BRINGS TROUBLE FOR THE EARTH.



BY KHALIL KHAN

PLANET EARTH PROGRESSION SCIENTIFICALLY IN 3004

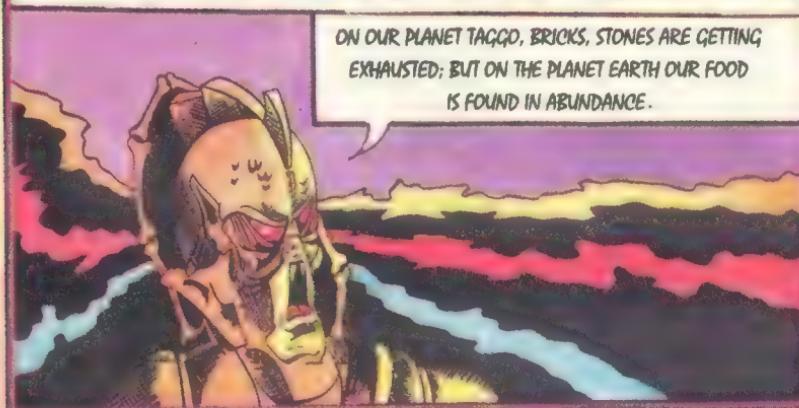
TEENU TOOK AN ADDRESS FROM A PEN-FRIEND DIRECTORY. HE THEN SENT AN EMAIL TO A CREATURE FROM THE TAGGO PLANET.

AWAY FROM THE EARTH, THERE WAS A DANGEROUS TAGGO PLANET. THE CREATURES OF THE TAGGO PLANET HAD GROWN BIG AFTER CONSUMING DANGEROUS ELEMENTS.



THEIR DIET CONSISTED OF BRICKS, LIME AND STONES AND THEY HAD MASSIVE APPETITE.

ON OUR PLANET TAGGO, BRICKS, STONES ARE GETTING EXHAUSTED; BUT ON THE PLANET EARTH OUR FOOD IS FOUND IN ABUNDANCE.



DADDY, I HAVE GOT AN EMAIL FROM A BOY ON THE EARTH. HE HAS INVITED ME TO VISIT EARTH.



YOU FOOL! THERE IS WATER EVERYWHERE ON THE EARTH. YOU WILL GET KILLED UNNECESSARILY. ANYHOW, LET ME ARRANGE FOR YOUR JOURNEY.



ALL THE PARTS OF YOUR BODY CAN BE DISMANTLED. I WILL KEEP ALL YOUR BODY PARTS IN A BOX AND SEND YOU TO THE EARTH.



AS YOU PLEASE, DADDY.

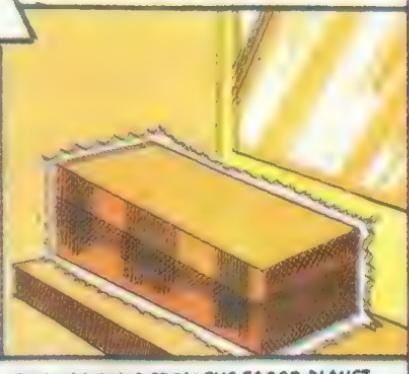
BUT REMEMBER ONE THING VERY CLEARLY, MY PURPOSE OF SENDING YOU TO THE EARTH IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT. YOU HAVE TO STEAL AND BRING THE ENERGY MACHINE DESIGNED BY SCIENTIST RAMAN.



ONCE I WILL HAVE THE ENERGY MACHINE,
I SHALL RULE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.



NEXT DAY EARLY IN THE MORNING A BOX ARRIVED
AT THE DOORSTEP OF TEENU ON THE EARTH.



WHAT IS THERE IN THIS BOX? I SEE! THEY
ARE PARTS
OF A TOY.

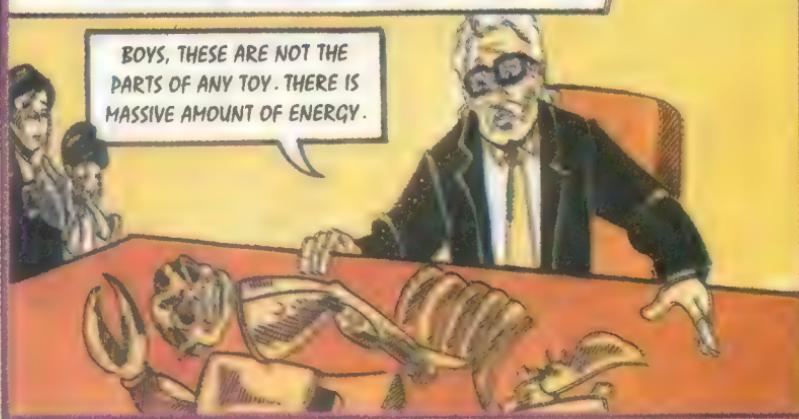


THIS HAS COME FROM THE TAGGO PLANET.
COME, LET US GO AND INFORM RAMAN UNCLE.



TEENU AND HIS FRIEND WENT TO RAMAN UNCLE.

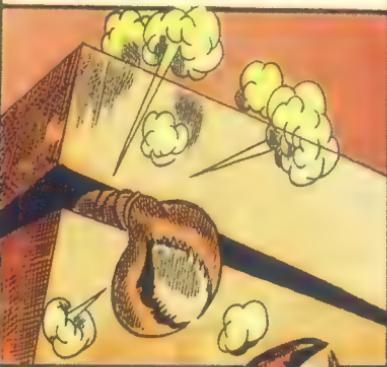
BOYS, THESE ARE NOT THE
PARTS OF ANY TOY. THERE IS
MASSIVE AMOUNT OF ENERGY.



NOW LET US KEEP ALL THIS IN THE STORE ROOM.
WE WILL CONDUCT EXPERIMENTS TOMORROW.



IN THE STORE ROOM, AFTER MIDNIGHT; THE
PARTS OF THE DANGEROUS CREATURE
STARTED GETTING FIXED ON ITS OWN.



THE DANGEROUS CREATURE FROM THE PLANET TAGGO EMERGED OUT
AFTER BREAKING THE BOX. THE ENTIRE TOWN WAS FAST ASLEEP.



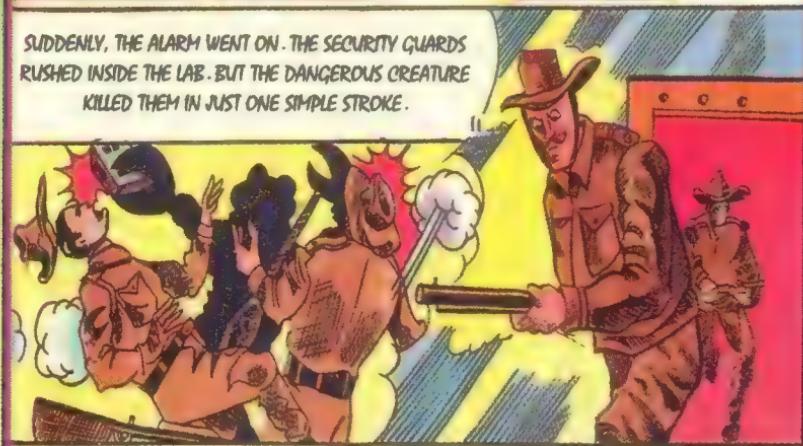
THE CREATURE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE LAB.



HE PICKED UP THE ENERGY MACHINE.



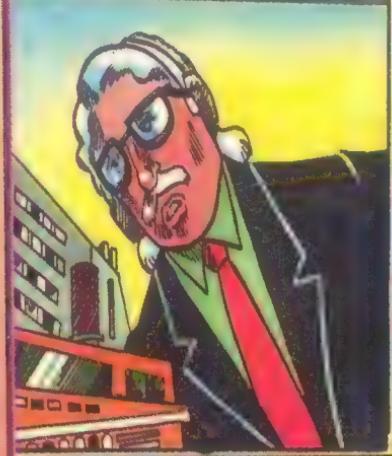
SUDDENLY, THE ALARM WENT ON. THE SECURITY GUARDS RUSHED INSIDE THE LAB. BUT THE DANGEROUS CREATURE KILLED THEM IN JUST ONE SIMPLE STROKE.



THE DANGEROUS CREATURE FROM THE TAGGO PLANET HAS ARRIVED. THIS NEWS SPREAD ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. EVERYBODY WAS TALKING ABOUT THE STOLEN ENERGY MACHINE.



RAMAN UNCLE INFORMED THE
MINISTER ABOUT THE THEFT.



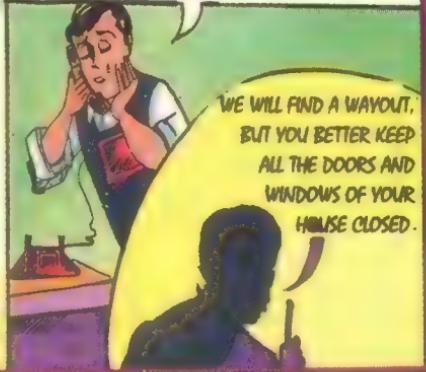
WITHIN A FEW HOURS THE BRAVE SOLDIERS
ATTACKED THE DANGEROUS CREATURE.



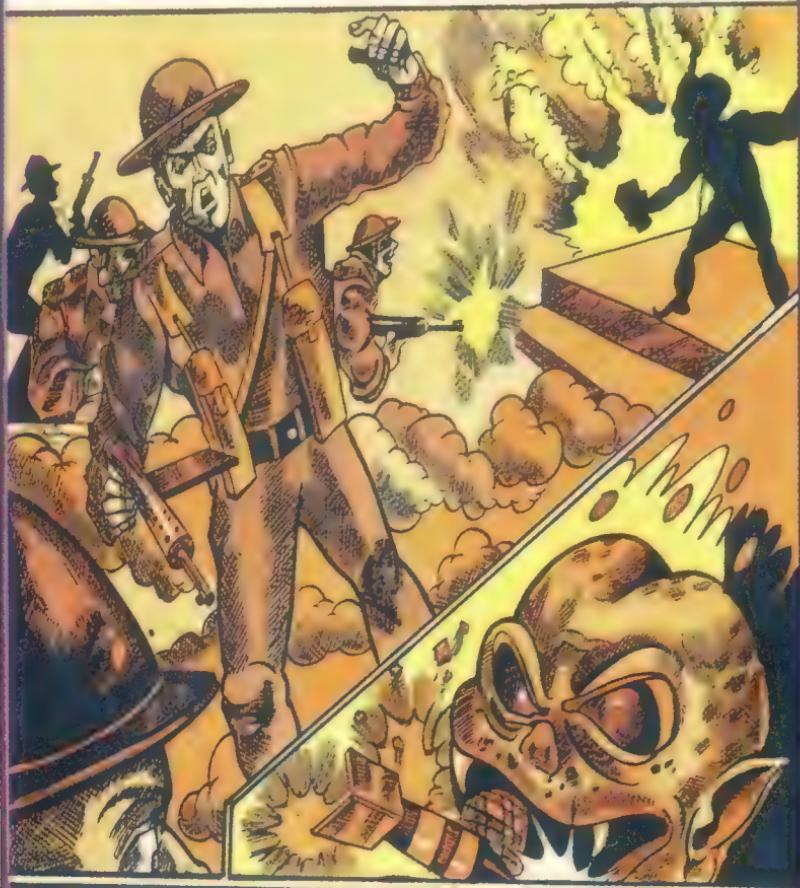
HELLO TEENU! WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?
WHY DID YOU MADE PEN-FRIEND WITH THE
DANGEROUS CREATURE?



UNCLE, I WAS JUST NOT AWARE OF HIS REAL
NATURE. PLEASE FORGIVE ME.



THE DANGEROUS CREATURE WAS EATING BULLETS, BOMBS LIKE A CHOCOLATE.



GRADUALLY, THE DANGEROUS CREATURE STARTED GROWING UP IN SIZE.
HIS APPETITE ALSO INCREASED AND HE
STARTED EATING BUILDINGS.



HELLO SUPER INDIAN, HURRY UP AND COME
QUICKLY. THE DANGEROUS CREATURE FROM THE
PLANET TAGGO HAS CAUSED AN HAVOC.

THE SOLDIERS WERE CONSTANTLY ATTACKING HIM.

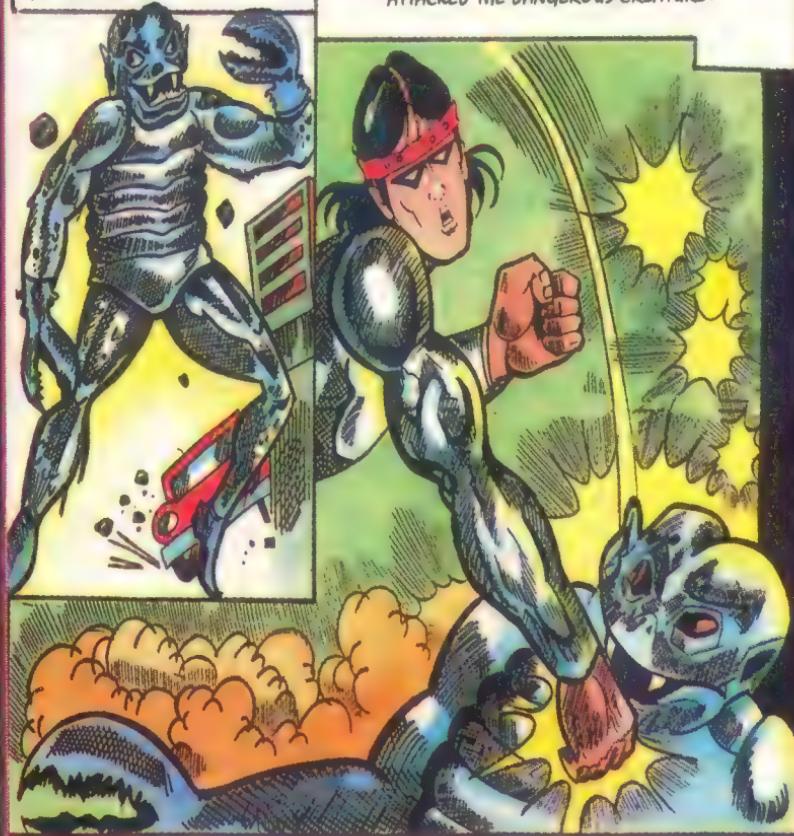


HE WAS NOT GETTING
AFFECTIONED
BY ANY BOMB OR MISSILES.



THE NONSTOP TERROR WAS CAUSED BY THE CREATURE IN THE TOWN.

SUDDENLY, LIKE A THUNDER SUPER INDIAN ATTACKED THE DANGEROUS CREATURE.



IN JUST 2-3 PUNCHES THE SUPER INDIAN DISMANTLED THE DANGEROUS CREATURE IN SMALL PIECES.



EVERYBODY WAS HAPPY.



BUT LITTLE LATER ALL THE BROKEN PARTS OF THE DANGEROUS CREATURE JOINED ON THEIR OWN AND HE GOT UP MAKING STRANGE SOUNDS.



HE STARTED EATING THE BUILDINGS WITH RENEWED ENERGY.



NOW HOW SHOULD I DESTROY HIM THIS TIME.



THE DANGEROUS CREATURE NOW MOVED TOWARDS TEENU'S HOUSE. HE SHOVED HIS HAND INSIDE THE WINDOW. HE CRIED OUT.



SUDDENLY, THE HAND GOT
SEPARATED FROM ITS ELBOW.



WHO BROKE HIS HAND?



SUPER INDIAN REACHED TEENU'S HOUSE AND ASKED
HIM—

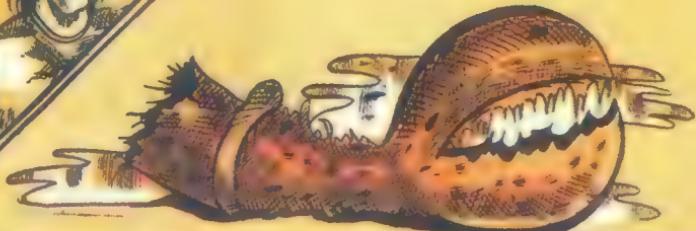
HOW HIS HAND WAS BROKEN?



WHEN HIS DANGEROUS HAND WAS
MOVING TOWARDS ME AFTER SMASHING
THE WINDOW, I WAS HAVING WATER.
I WAS SCARED AND I THREW THE WATER
ON HIS HAND. I REALLY DON'T KNOW
BUT THE MOMENT WATER FELL ON HIS
HAND, HIS HAND STARTED MELTING
AND FELL DOWN.



OKAY! SO THAT IS WHAT THE SECRET IS.
THE WATER WORKS LIKE AN ACID ON HIM.



THE NEXT MOMENT THE SUPER INDIAN GOT THE MESSAGE FROM THE SCIENTIST RAMAN—



HELLO SUPER INDIAN! THE DANGEROUS CREATURE FROM THE TAGGO PLANET IS NOW HEADING TOWARDS DELHI. HE CAN ATTACK THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND OTHER HISTORIC BUILDINGS. BEFORE HE STRIKES, WE HAVE TO FINISH HIM.

THE 'SUPER INDIAN' STARTED FLYING IN THE SKY WITH A HUGE WATER TANK.

THE DANGEROUS CREATURE WAS HEADING FAST TOWARDS DELHI.



AND THE SUPER INDIAN POURED THE WATER FROM THE WHOLE TANK ON THE DANGEROUS CREATURE.



THE WATER FROM THE EARTH WORKED LIKE AN ACID AND THE DANGEROUS CREATURE FROM THE PLANET TAGGO WAS DESTROYED.
THE SUPER INDIAN SAVED THE EARTH.

END.

AN ACE OVER THE KING

BY AZHAR

WHEN BUNTY MONKEY RETURNED FROM THE TOWN AFTER A LONG GAP, HE WAS SURPRISED.

WHAT HAPPENED,
WHERE EVERYBODY
HAS GONE?

OH GOD! WHAT HAS
HAPPENED? THE ENTIRE
JUNGLE IS DESERTED.

BUNTY SEARCHED THEM.

SOON HE FOUND THEM.

WHAT IS THE
MATTER?

WE ARE SCARED OF
TERROR CAUSED BY
JUMBO ELEPHANT.

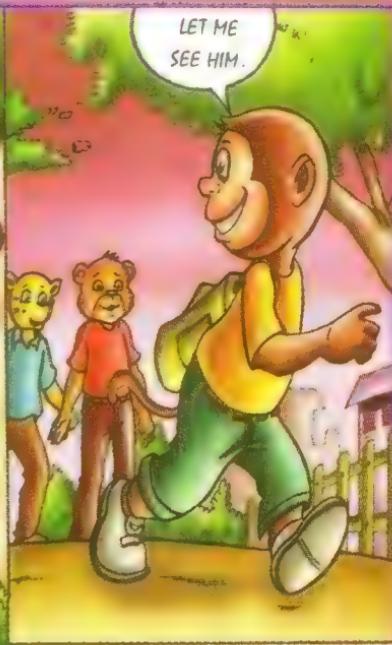
WHY ALL OF YOU
ARE SCARED?

HE IS VERY
 HUGE AND
POWERFUL. HE
IS THE CAUSE
OF OUR SCARE



HE PICKS UP ANYBODY WITH HIS TRUNK AND CRUSHES UNDER HIS FEET.

LET ME SEE HIM.



BUNTY WENT TO JUMBO'S HOUSE.

BUT FOR THAT I HAVE TO MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENTS.



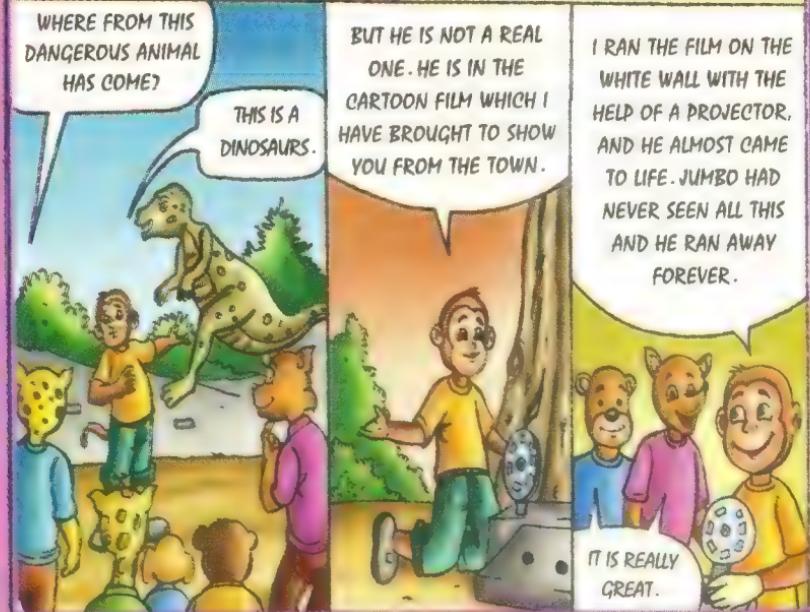
HE SAID SCARINGLY—

A HUGE AND STRANGE ANIMAL HAS COME TO THE JUNGLE.

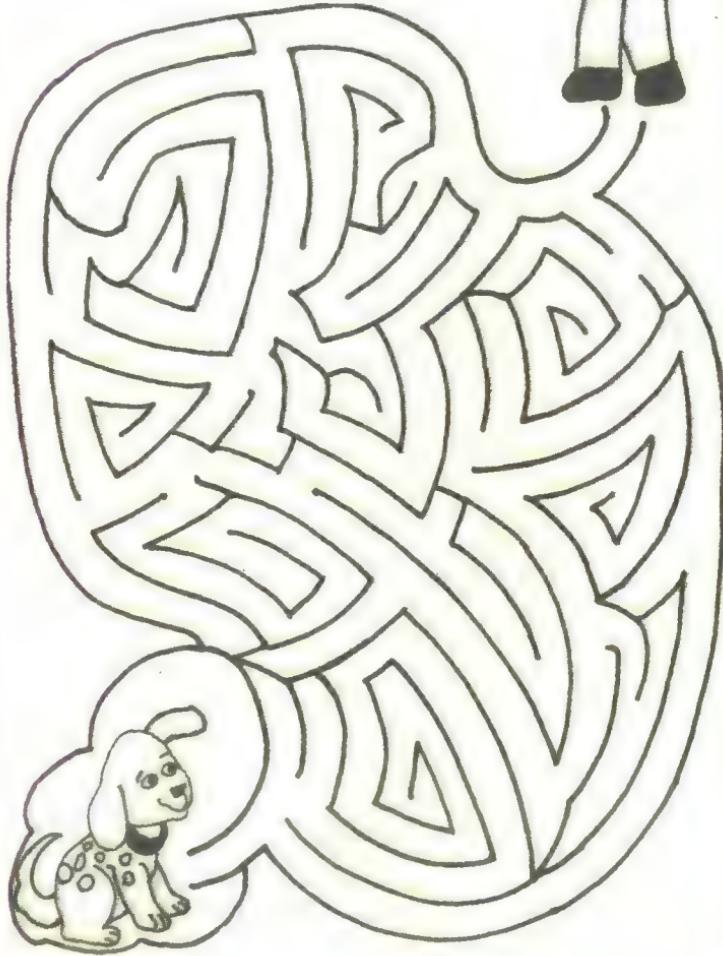
HE IS SEARCHING YOU TO KILL YOU.







**Help Soni
to reach
his pup.**

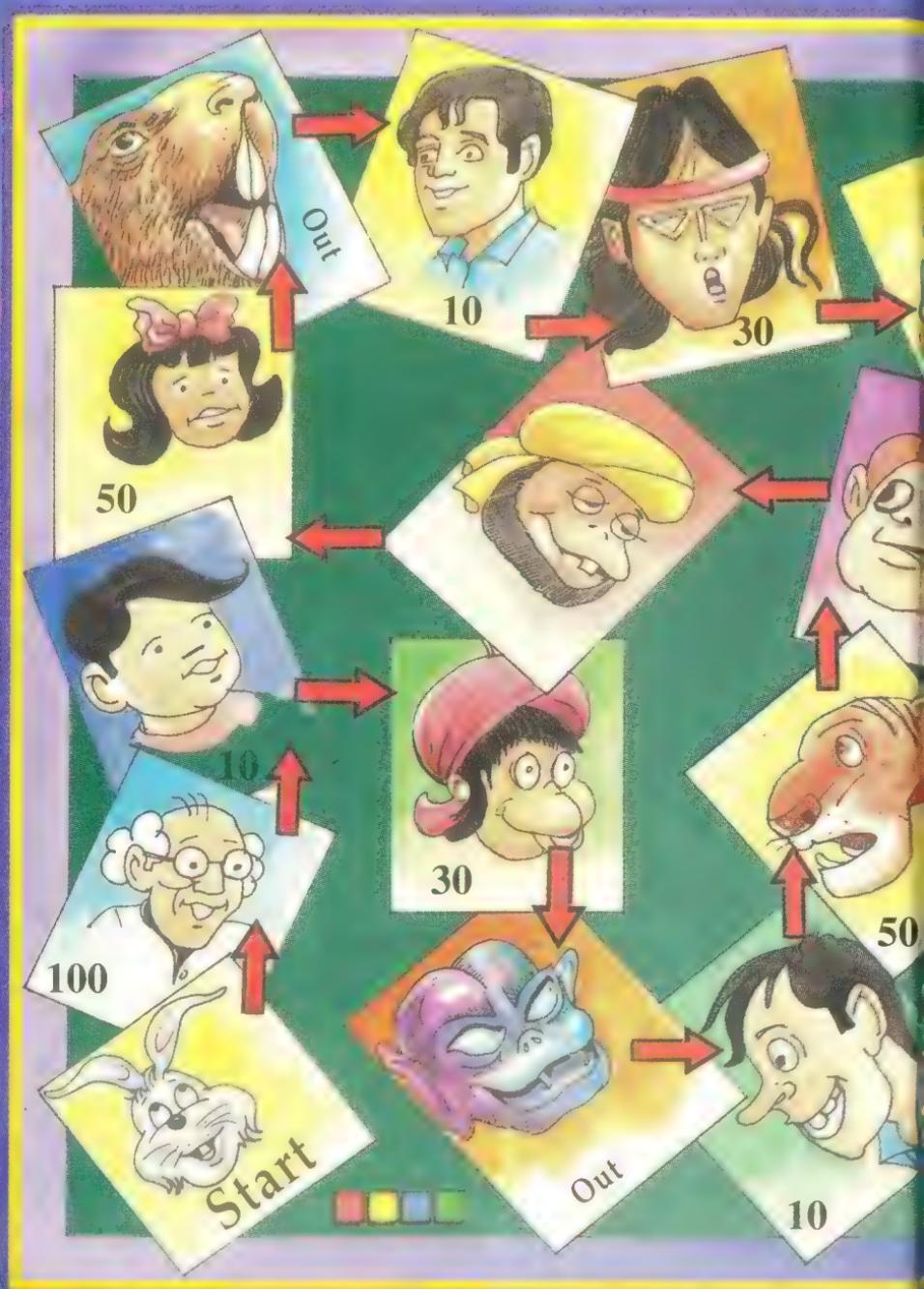


CHAMPAK CHECKERS 101

Rules of the Game

- This is an interesting game.
- You can start the game when you get 1 on your dice.
- If you do not have a dice, you can pick up your favourite *Champak* magazine. With your eyes closed, open your *Champak* magazine and move boxes as per the last digit of the right hand side page number, e.g. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Zero is not acceptable.
- Each player has to select a colour of his choice before starting the game.
- While playing, keep following the instructions given in the boxes. The player gets the credit points given in the box after reaching a box. The player thus keeps crediting the points to his account.
- The player has to finish the game with the help of red marker.
- The player reaching the 'End' box with maximum points to his credit, shall be the winner.









Cheeku
Das

MEEKU WAS READING A
PHANTOM COMIC.

WHEN IT GETS DARK, PHANTOM
EMERGES OUT TO TEACH A BEFITTING
LESSON TO THE ENEMIES.

I TOO WILL ALSO TEACH A
LESSON TO MY STAUNCH
ENEMY, THE CAT.



AT NIGHT CHEEKU AND BITTOO
WERE RETURNING BACK AFTER
WATCHING A MOVIE.

MEEKU! WHERE ARE YOU GOING.
ALL ALONE AT NIGHT.



I HAVE BECOME A PHANTOM.
I AM GOING TO ELIMINATE
ALL MY ENEMIES.



SUDDENLY, THE CAT CATCHES
MEEKU.

I AM NOT SCARED OF YOU.
I WILL KILL YOU.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS
FELLOW? I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT IS THE MATTER?



READ THIS PHANTOM COMIC. YOU
WILL UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING.

REALLY!



THE CAT READ THE PHANTOM
COMIC.

HAI I AM ALSO A PHANTOM NOW.
I WILL ELIMINATE THE DOG
WHICH HAD BARKED ON ME.



ENOUGH NOW! GET BACK
TO HOME FAST.

I WILL KILL HIM...



Red Mercedes

by Indu Bhushan

Mercedes. His bodyguard Balwan Bear always used to be with him like a shadow.

One day around 7 in the evening Heera Chand was examining his daily accounts and suddenly his phone rang up.

"Hello, who is speaking?" Heera Chand answered.

"Your bodyguard's son has come under the wheels of a car. We have brought him to the hospital. Will you please send Balwan to the

HEERA CHAND Bear always closed his shop for the day by 8 in the evening. He carried his daily sale proceeds in a bag and then he used to go home in his



hospital? I am his neighbour speaking," somebody said on the other side of the line.

Heera Chand asked Balwan to go to the hospital.

"But sir, will you go home all alone? If anything wrong happens on the way then?" Balwan expressed his concern.

"Come on, nothing will happen. Everybody knows that you are always with me. You quietly go to the hospital," suggested Heera Chand confidently.

Sharp at 8 in the evening Heera Chand sat in his car and went home. The place was a bit deserted. The street lights were also not working properly in that area. Suddenly, a car came and stopped in front of Heera Chand's car.

Heera Chand was shocked beyond any expression. He asked his driver Pinko Monkey, "Reverse the car and speed it away."

Before Pinko could have reacted to his boss's order, 2 rogues forced themselves into the car and pulled him out of the car. The third rogue pounced Heera Chand to grab his bag full of money. But Heera Chand held his bag with all his strength.

"Come here and help me," shouted the 3rd rogue.

The other 2 left Pinko and ran towards Heera Chand's car. All 3 of them got engaged in a hand to hand fight with Heera Chand. One of the rogues succeeded in snatching Heera Chand's bag.

"Run," the first rogue shouted. He was too delighted to grab the bag full of money.

Three robbers ran and sat in the stolen car but the car failed to start. "Something appears to be wrong, the car is not starting," said the driver and he started sweating out of fear.

On the other hand Pinko returned to his car and

said, "Sir, these rogues will not be able to escape."

"Why?" asked Heera Chand.

"When they were snatching your bag, I had disconnected their car battery," said Pinko.

"But I have lost my bag," said Heera Chand.

"Sir, now these rogues will try to hijack our car. Then I will drive away their car to the police station," whispered Pinko.

"Why you have to do all this? We can go to the police station in our car as well," said Heera Chand.

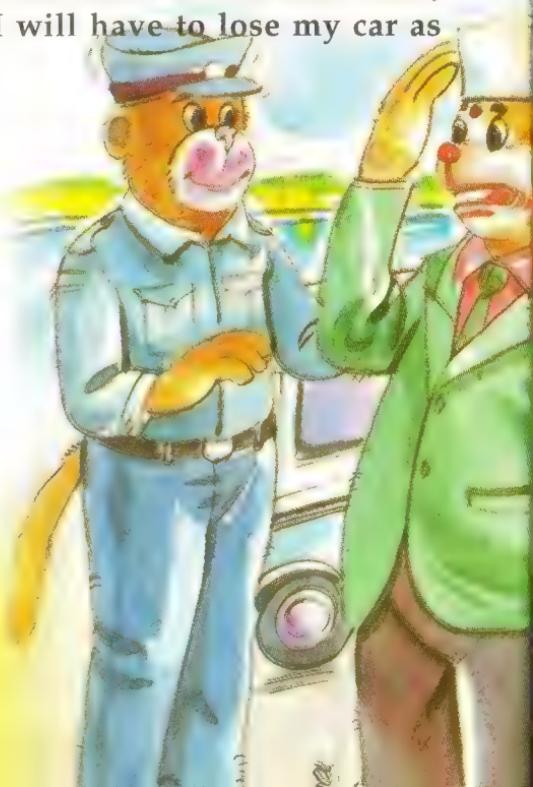
"Sir, their white Maruti car is a stolen one. There are thousands of white Maruti cars in this jungle. The police will not be able to trace it easily. If they escape in our red Mercedes, they will be caught," Pinko explained.

But Heera Chand did not find Pinko's logic carry any weight. He shouted at him and said, "With your stupidity, I will have to lose my car as well."

At that moment the 3 rogues ran towards Heera Chand's car. They pulled Pinko and Heera Chand out of the car and they all escaped in red Mercedes.

Pinko reconnected the battery of the white Maruti car and then they went to the police station.

On the way they saw a PCO.



Pinko stopped the car. Heera Chand reported the matter to Inspector Hoshiar Singh over the telephone. The Inspector ordered for putting up barricades.

When Heera Chand reached the police station, the Inspector informed, "Sir, the rogues have been arrested and we have recovered your money."

"So quickly!" Heera Chand said with surprise.

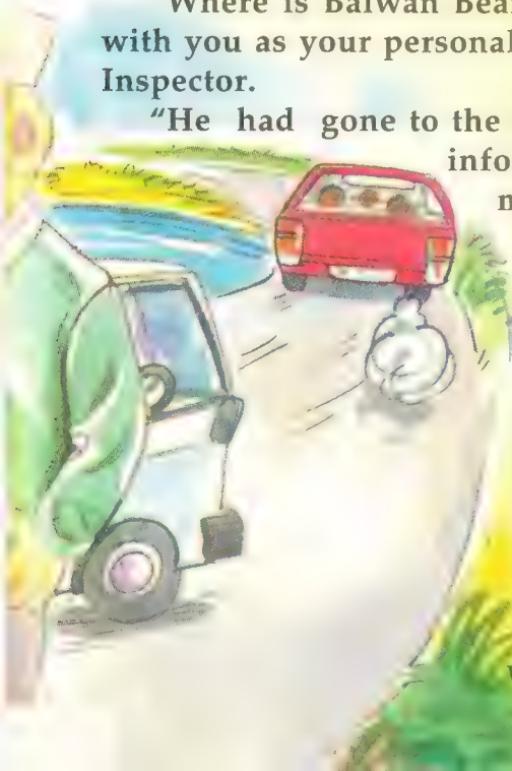
"Now if anybody escape in red Mercedes, is bound to get caught. Had they tried to escape in stolen white car, maybe they would not have been nabbed," said the Inspector.

Heera Chand patted Pinko and said, "Your line of logic proved right; and you have been able to be outsmart the rogues successfully."

Heera Chand narrated to the Inspector how Pinko had dodged the robbers. The Inspector also praised Pinko for his presence of mind.

"Where is Balwan Bear? He always used to be with you as your personal bodyguard," asked the Inspector.

"He had gone to the hospital. Somebody had informed me that his son had met with an accident," said Heera Chand.



"This too must have been the trick of the rogues so that you could have been robbed easily," said the Inspector.

The constables brought arrested rogues before them and their faces were worth watching. ●

THE HILLSIDE sloped into the lake. A little above the water there was a rock overhanging the lake. Above it there was yet another rock.

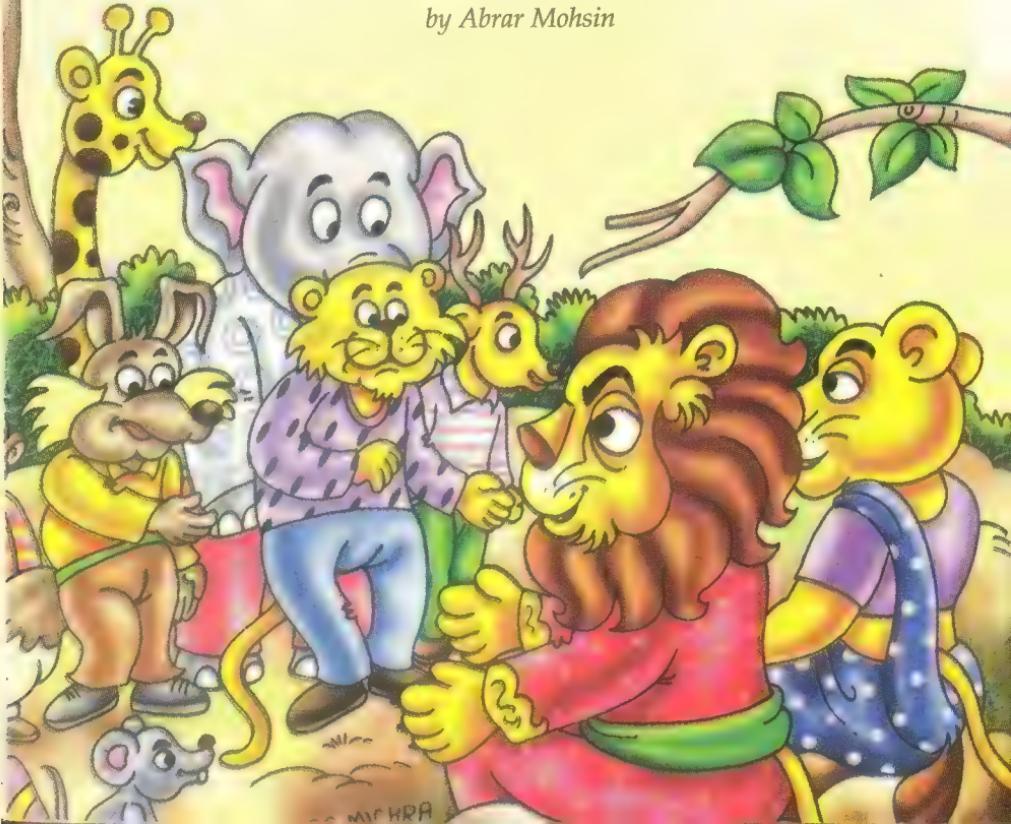
One day Lioness was sitting on the lower rock, basking in the sun. On the upper rock sat Panther. He looked down and greeted Lioness by waving to her.

She did not pay any attention to him. She did not like him, for Lion received several complaints against his mischiefs almost every day. Quite often he was punished.

Lioness was looking across the lake. Suddenly, a stone hit her. It had come down rolling from the

True Witness

by Abrar Mohsin



upper rock. But Panther was not there.

It was such an insult. Trembling in anger she came to Lion and said, "Punish the rogue Panther for throwing a stone at me."

She explained to him how it had happened.

Lion roared in rage, "In fact, I have punished him enough. But this is too much. I will tear him from limb to limb. The truth is that I hate him too. But I want him to be tried in the open court. I am a just king and I want the junglefolk to feel that I always do justice."

At Lion's command Panther was brought to the King's court. The court was held just outside the Royal Den. Hundreds of animals and birds were present. Lion and Lioness sat on the Royal Rock.

Lion growled his question, "Were not you sitting on the upper rock?"

"It is true, O king," replied Panther.

"And you threw a stone at the Queen who was sitting on the lower rock?"

"This is not true," said Panther. "How could I do such a silly thing? Is not life dear to me?"

Lioness thundered, "You shameless liar. Do you mean to say that I am telling a lie? Did not I see you sitting on the upper rock?"

"Yes, I was sitting there," said Panther, "but it does not mean that I threw the stone at you."

"Then who did it?" questioned Lioness shaking her whiskers. "Had it dropped from the sky?"

Panther exclaimed helplessly, "Oh, Your Majesty, how do I know?"

Lion addressed the court, "You have been watching the trial. The Queen says Panther threw a stone at her, but he is denying it. In my opinion it



was he who had thrown the stone. You know that I don't like him. But I want to do justice. Let me know how many of you agree with me and my wife."

Rhino said, "O King, the Queen can't be wrong." Jackal spoke, "Panther is a liar."

"There was no one around at that time except Panther," chattered Baboon. "Who else could have done it?"

Lioness's face beamed with joy as the animals accused Panther one after the other.

Lion said, "I am glad that your opinion is the same as that of your King and Queen."

Suddenly Fisi, the hyena, stood up and said, "O

King, all of them have only agreed with you, but I am the only eye-witness. I saw him throwing the stone. Punish him for such a horrible crime."

Lion looked extremely happy with the hyena's words and said, "O Fisi, everyone knows what a devil you are. At times I have been very angry with you. But today, for once you have delighted the hearts of your King and Queen. You are an eye-witness and your words are very important in this case."

After a moment's silence, Lion went on saying, "I knew Panther had thrown the stone. I have also heard your opinion. Fisi is an eye-witness. I am happy no one has supported Panther. In the end I want to ask you a simple question— Is Panther guilty?"

"Yes," the animals' voice shook the jungle.

"No."

"Who said no?" asked Lion, baring his teeth.

It was Kalulu, the rabbit, who spoke, "I."

"How dare you?" roared Lion.

Kalulu spoke with a smile, "I said 'no' because this is the truth. Mind you, I don't like Panther either. But it does not mean that I should hide the truth. Panther had already left the rock when the stone fell down. There is a tree above the upper rock. One of its dry branches fell off. It struck a loose stone which rolled down and hit the Queen. In fact, Fisi and all these animals have told you what you wanted to hear."

Eagle, who had just arrived and was perching on the branch of a tree said, "I have my nest on the same tree. I am an eye-witness to what Kalulu has

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TONY GOAT and his wife Bony lived in Sundervan. One day they were blessed with a beautiful child. Their child was brave from the day one. Lovingly, they named their child as Sheru.

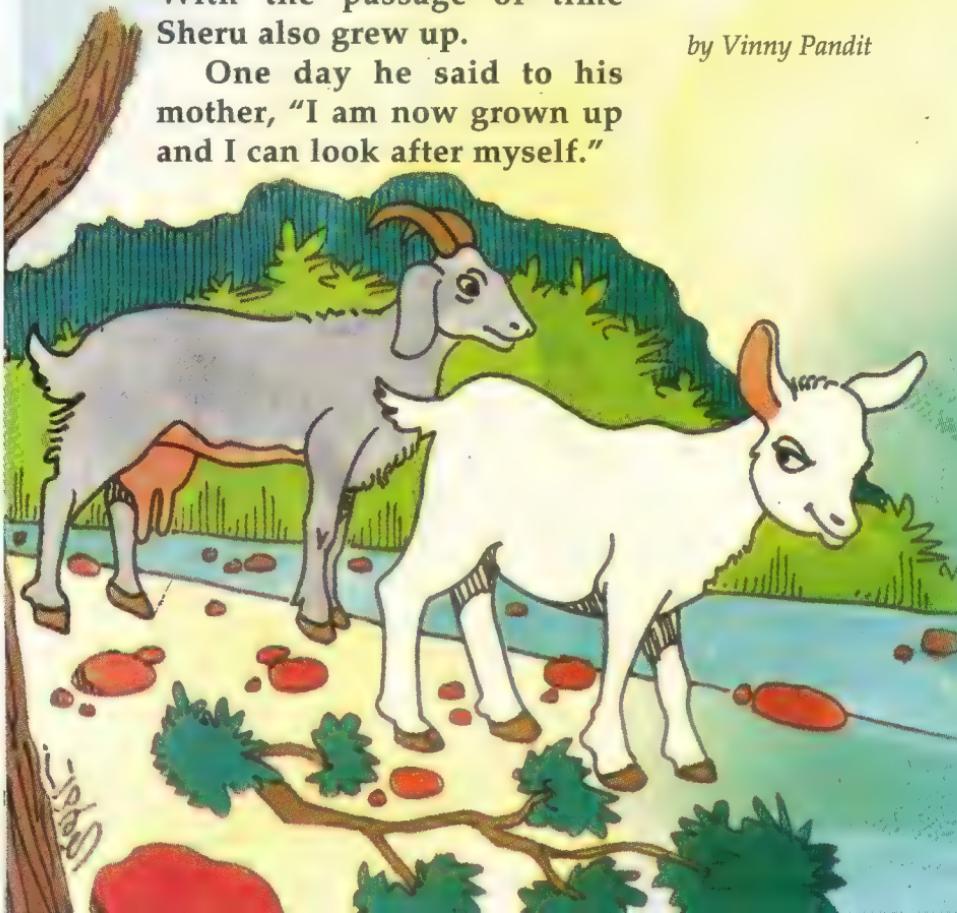
Every morning Tony collected leaves from the tree. His wife Bony used to collect them in a basket. At home she used to clean the leaves with water. The whole family enjoyed their lunch of fresh green leaves.

With the passage of time Sheru also grew up.

One day he said to his mother, "I am now grown up and I can look after myself."

Sheru Grew up

by Vinny Pandit



His mother realising his firm determination to look after himself said, "I am happy that you have grown up but take care of yourself."

Once his parents were out. He thought, 'The branches of this tree are very high. How I would reach them.'

But he saw a stick on the ground. He picked it up and started jumping with the stick to pluck the leaves. But soon he was disappointed.

Jumbo Elephant was keenly watching Sheru in action to collect leaves. He said, "Sheru, you are very brave, but this job is not your cup of tea. If you want, I can collect lots of leaves for you."

Sheru politely replied, "Thank you Uncle, but I want to do this job myself." Jumbo went away to see Sheru's determination to help himself.

Sheru ran to the river-bank and saw a big earthen pot. He filled water in the pot and started throwing water on the tree. But when it did not help, he became sad.

Harry Parrot who was sitting on the tree became irritated and said, "You stupid fellow, I was tired and relaxing but you drenched my wings with water. If you want, I can help you."

Sheru said, "Thanks Uncle, but I want to do this job myself."

He then thought of his power and started hitting at the trunk of the tree. But the thick trunk did not even budge, rather Sheru was hurt. He started repenting on his mistake.

Suddenly, Blacky Bison came strolling majestically. He felt pity on little Sheru and said, "If you want, what to talk about leaves, I can fell the entire tree for you."



Sheru said, "Please don't do that, I myself want to give it a try."

Sheru's mother was watching all the futile efforts of Sheru from a distance. She called him. Sheru ran to his mother. His mother asked him to stand on her back and said, "My dear son, now you can eat as many leaves as you want."

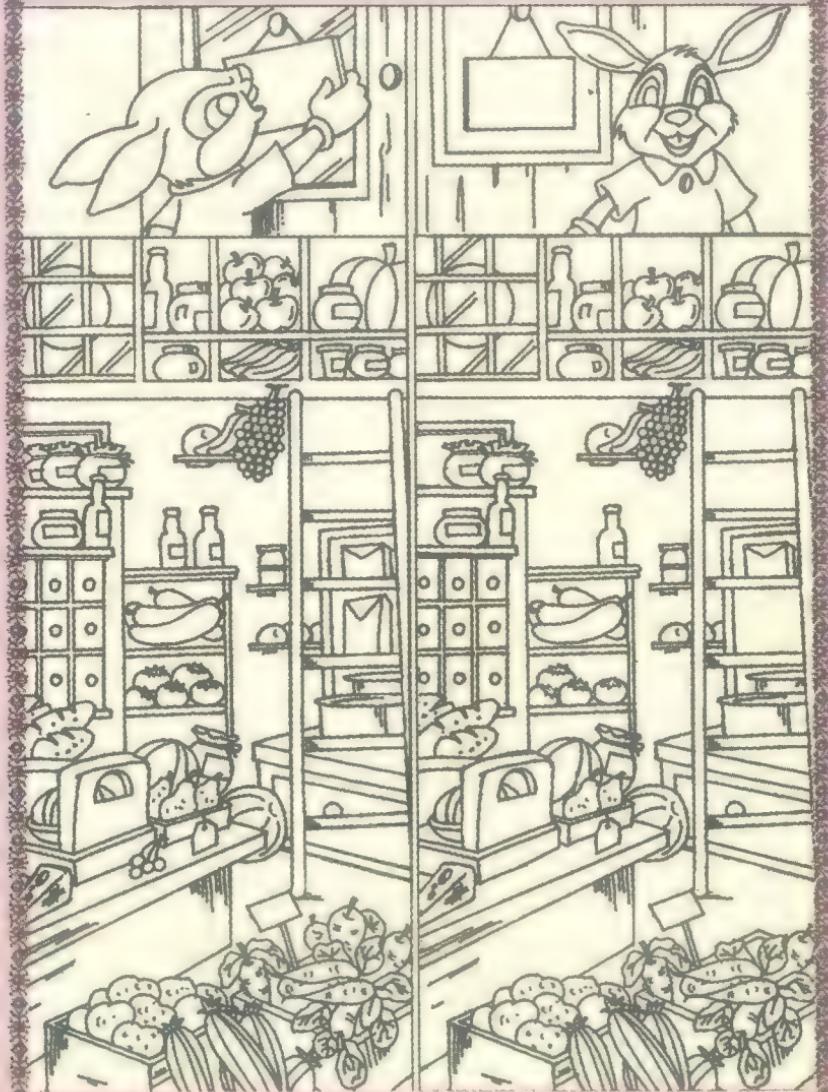
Sheru was delighted and started eating the leaves. His mother said, "Wonderful son, you have done it what you wanted to do."

Sheru replied, "No mother, we have done it together."

His mother said, "If we join hands, we can solve each and every problem."

Sheru understood his mother and he hugged her lovingly.

Chinki Squirrel opened her shop in the morning and closed it by the evening time. Can you tell what all she sold during the day.



Ans: The Apple, Bottle, Tomatoe, Tomatoes, Guavas, Grapes, Bag, Carrots
and the Box.

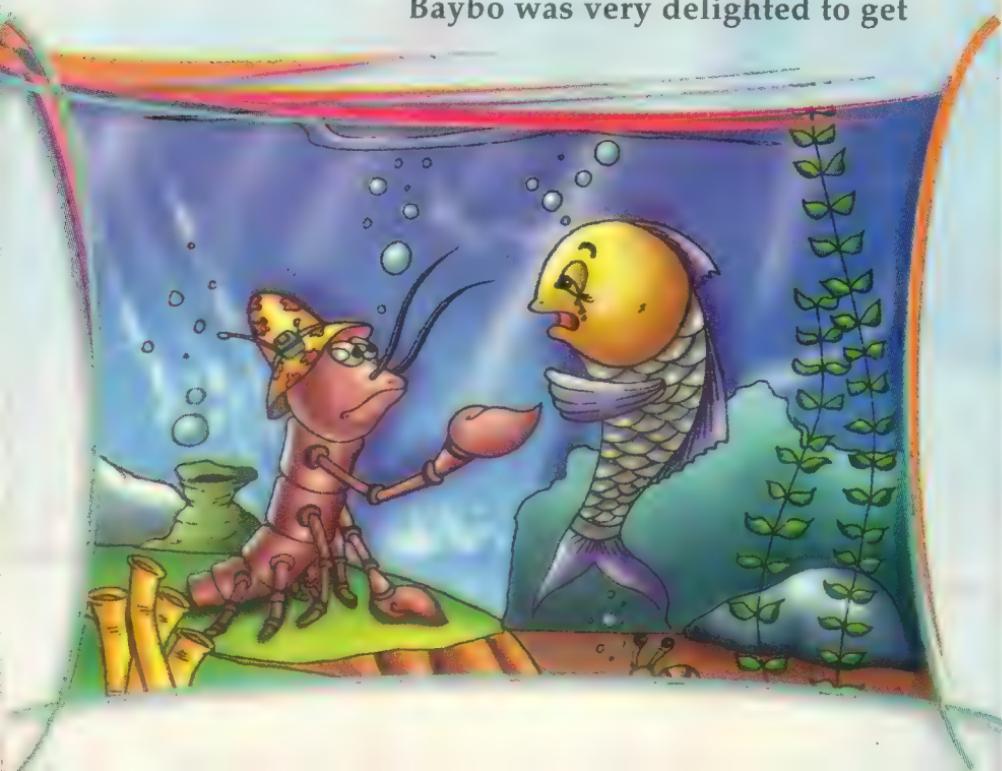
Wonder Cap

by Shalendra Saraswati

BAYBO CRAB was celebrating his birthday in Sagarlok. Baybo had invited all his friends for the party. Baybo had arranged variety of eatables for his guests. There was a lot of loud pop music and fun games for entertaining his friends. All his friends gave him gifts but his uncle gave him a special cap which fancied him the most.

"This cap has special system. Whenever there are human beings around or any net is thrown, the inbuilt alarm will sound. You can hide yourself immediately and save yourself," said Baybo's Scientist Uncle.

Baybo was very delighted to get



a wonderful cap and he began moving everywhere without any fear.

Because of his cap, he added many friends to his list of friends. Moreover, Baybo and his friends did not have to fear human beings. They too were able to go in deep sea like Baybo.

Sagarlok had a terror. Teena Shark troubled smaller fish and crabs.

One day Baybo's friend Meena Fish started crying incessantly.

"What happened, Meena? Why are you crying?" asked Baybo.

"Really very bad has happened with me. I went to the Tortoise Market for shopping and behind Teena Shark ate all my eggs," answered Meena Fish.

"Did you report the matter to Inspector Blue Whale?" asked Baybo.

"Yes I did; but the police did not find solid proof, proving that Teena had eaten my eggs," replied Meena.

"But then how did you know that Teena only had eaten your eggs," Baybo asked again.

"When I met Teena separately she confessed," said Meena and her eyes were filled with tears.

Baybo became thoughtful at 'Meena's submission. He whispered something in Meena's ears. Later, Baybo included Dolly Dolphin and Ken Tortoise in his secret mission.

As per their plan Ken and Dolly started quarrelling loudly near Teena's house.

"Why are you shouting in front of my house?" Teena asked as she emerged out of her house.

Dolly said, "Actually Teena, today Ken and

myself have stolen 1,000 fish eggs. Now Ken wants more than his share of 500 eggs; which I will not give him at any cost."

"Stolen eggs? If I report the matter to the police, both of you can be punished. You have 2 options, either hand over all the eggs to me or face punishment," threatened Teena.

"Okay... okay, don't report the matter to the police. You follow us," Ken acted as if he was scared.

Teena followed Ken and Dolly. In fact, both of them guided Teena along with Meena to an area where fishermen laid their nets to trap fish.

"Where have you brought me? Where are the eggs? If I don't get the eggs, I will eat both of you," Teena said with irritation.

Dolly had made a quick plan to teach a lesson to Teena. But Teena was smart enough to threaten Dolly and her friends.

Ken and Dolly were scared at the latest threat from Teena but they did not lose their cool.

"We have almost reached near the eggs," Dolly said smilingly.

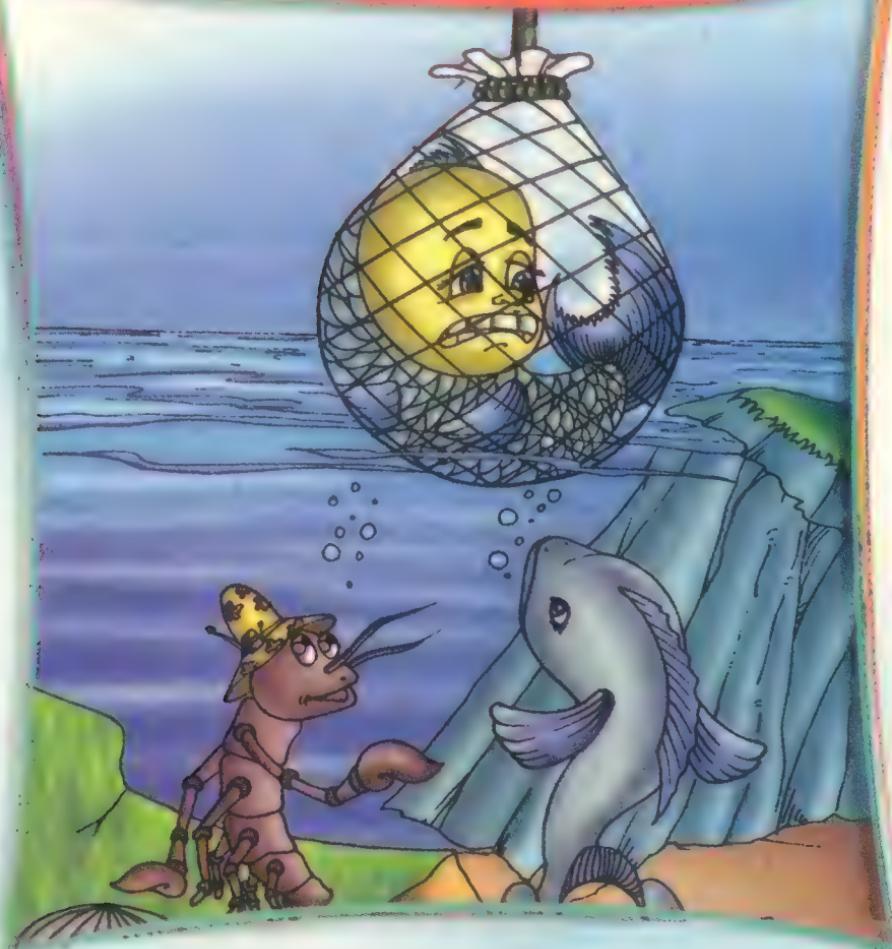
Meanwhile Ken got the signal from Baybo who was standing at a little distance with green grass in his hands. Dolly and Ken left Teena and swam across in the opposite direction.

By the time Teena could not understand anything. She was trapped in the strong net.

"Help...help," shouted Teena.

Baybo, Meena, Ken and Dolly were laughing at Teena's condition. The fishermen pulled their net with trapped Teena.

"Thanks to my wonder cap, because of which I came to know that the fishermen fish in this area.



"This information helped us to get rid of our enemy permanently," said Baybo and he kissed his cap.

With Teena fished out of water, her terror was finished forever.

Celebrations were organised in Sagarlok for the end of the terror.

All the 4 friends were honoured with prizes for their planning and bravery.

And they set an example for others to be brave in any adversity.

Driving A Car

BADDY JACKAL had purchased a brand new car. His wife Mini and son, Monty were happy about owning a new car.

Every evening the family went out on an outing. Monty always sat next to his father and watched him driving a car.

A few days later Monty said to his father, "Papa, let me also drive the car for a little while."

Baddy explained him, "Monty, you are still not mature enough to drive a car. I don't have even the licence and you must know that driving a car without the licence is a crime. When you grow up, then only you should drive the car."

When Monty did not get the permission, he went to his mother and said, "Mother, please tell the father to allow me to drive the car at least once."

Mini also said irritably, "Don't argue. Neither you know driving nor you are aware of traffic rules. When you learn everything properly, then only you can drive the car but not now."

Despite a lot of pestering, Baddy and Mini did not allow Monty to drive the car.

But Monty was stubborn. He was not ready to buy their logic.

One day Monty's parents were visiting neighbourhood.

Monty was alone in the house and he was on the look out for such an opportunity. He picked the car keys and took out the car from the garage and went out for a drive.

Monty knew how to start the car. He started the car and went towards the garden. He was enjoying the driving.

A little later he increased the speed. Further ahead, there was a red signal. Monty was least aware of traffic signals and kept on driving without stopping at the red signal.

Harry Bear was at the traffic signal. He signalled Monty to stop the car but he did not stop. Harry then noted down the car's registration number from the number plate.

Monty tried to slow down the car but instead of slowing down he increased the speed as he was



scared. On the top of it, he did not even remember how to stop the car.

Harry informed his colleague Vandy on the next traffic signal over his mobile.

Harry said over the mobile, "Vandy, look out for a speeding car. The driver did not stop despite my signal to him to stop the car. He may be a terrorist or a smuggler. Stop him immediately."

Vandy tried to stop the car. But when Monty did not stop, he chased him on his motorcycle.

Monty was neither able to slow down the car nor was he able to stop the car. He was scared and was blowing horn loudly and was signalling everybody on the road to get aside. Monty was very scared and was in trouble.

Suddenly, his car stopped with a big bang. He



had hit a tree. The windscreen was shattered into pieces.

Monty was injured and unconscious in the pool of blood.

On their return Baddy and Mini saw their house was open. Monty was missing with the car. Soon they understood everything and waited impatiently for Monty to return back with the car.

After some time Vandy called Baddy on his mobile. He informed him that his car had hit a tree and his son Monty is unconscious in the emergency ward of the hospital.

Baddy and Mini immediately reached the hospital. Monty was in a critical condition. He was hurt on the head.

It took many months for Monty to recover fully. The matter came to the court of King Sher Singh. Monty owned up his mistake.

He said, "Your Honour, my parents had no fault. I took out the car for driving without their permission. I am ready to face any punishment."

Sher Singh became very happy that Monty had realised his mistake.

Sher Singh said, "I am happy that you have realised your mistake. It was good on your part that you owned up your mistake. You have already suffered a lot in the hospital. I am setting you free but with a warning that you will never try to drive unless you obtain a driving licence after clearing the proper test. You had put others lives at risk because of your driving."

Monty had realised his mistake and apologised to his parents and promised not to do anything against their wishes.





Who Am I ?



1. A den has 32 thieves,
The thieves work for 12 hours.
And relax for 12 hours,
Can you guess them right?
2. Come summer and here I am,
Kids love me a lot.
To suck me and throw my seed,
Can you guess my name?
3. The mountain is father,
I spiral down in the valley.
To quench thirsty throats,
Can you tell my name?
4. He works through his mouth,
And hangs upside down to relax.
He is neither human nor bird,
But loves to insects and fruits?

How Much Do You Know ?

1. When was the Indian Republic was announced?
a) February 9, 1950. b) February 15, 1950.
c) January 26, 1947. d) January 26, 1950.

2. Which of the following bird has biggest eggs?
a) Duck. b) Tailor bird.
c) Ostrich. d) Kite.

3. Salarjung Museum is situated in which of the following city?
a) Hyderabad. b) Mumbai.
c) Delhi. d) Ahmedabad.

4. Which is the Capital of Sikkim State?
a) Dispur. b) Patna.
c) Gangtok. d) Imphal.

5. Who is known as 'Swar Kokila'?
a) Usha Uthup. b) Lata Mangeshkar.
c) Asha Bhonsle. d) Alka Yagnik.



Answers

[Who Am I?—1. Teeth. 2. Mango. 3. River. 4. Bat.

(How Much Do You Know?) — 1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (b).

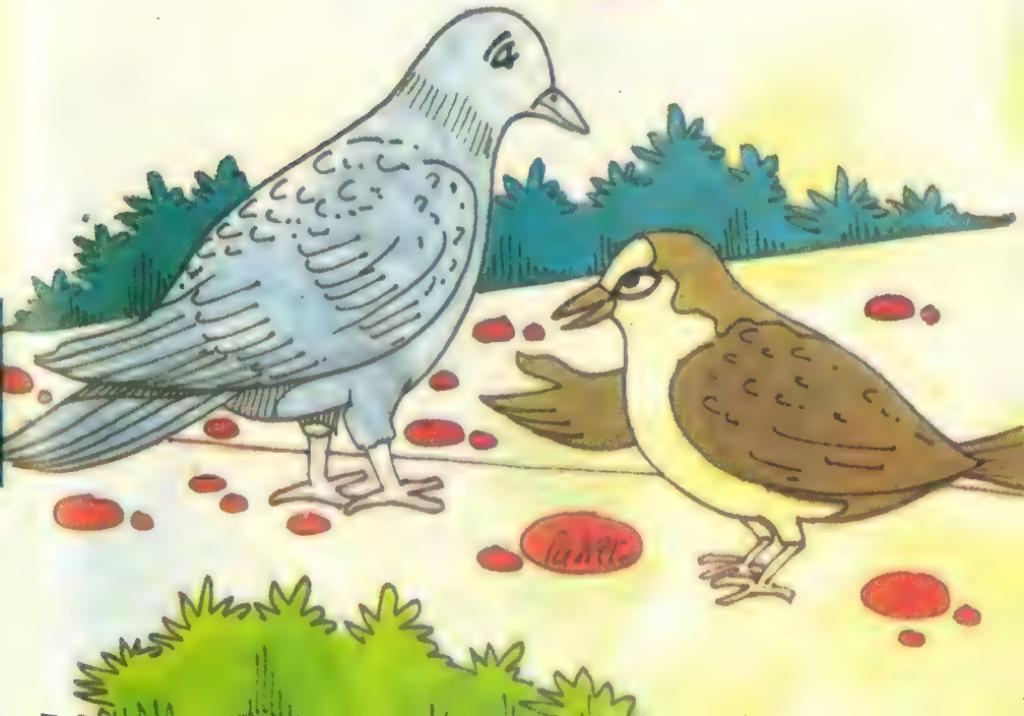
The Pigeon And The Art of Nest-building

HERE WAS an old mango tree near the river. The Sparrow had her nest on the tree. Her little children watched their parents building a new nest for the family.

One day a Pigeon and his wife came to the tree. The rainy season was round the corner after long spell of summer. Suddenly, the dark clouds appeared in the sky. It was lightning as well in the sky. Both of them were scared.

They thought, 'Now what will happen? We are very far away from our house. Where will we go? It is also not possible to fly back in this bad weather.'

The Sparrow was watching them. She felt pity



for them as they looked very sad.

She said to her guests, "Don't get worried, we have gathered a lot of twigs. We all can make a nest for you."

"But we don't know how to make a nest. We have learnt to live only in the holes and ventilators," said the Pigeon's wife.

"Never mind, my husband and myself will build you a nest. Later you too can learn nest-building," said the Sparrow.

The Sparrow pair made a nice nest for the Pigeon pair. They became very happy and occupied their new nest.

That very night the Pigeon's wife laid eggs. After a few days the young ones emerged out from the eggs.

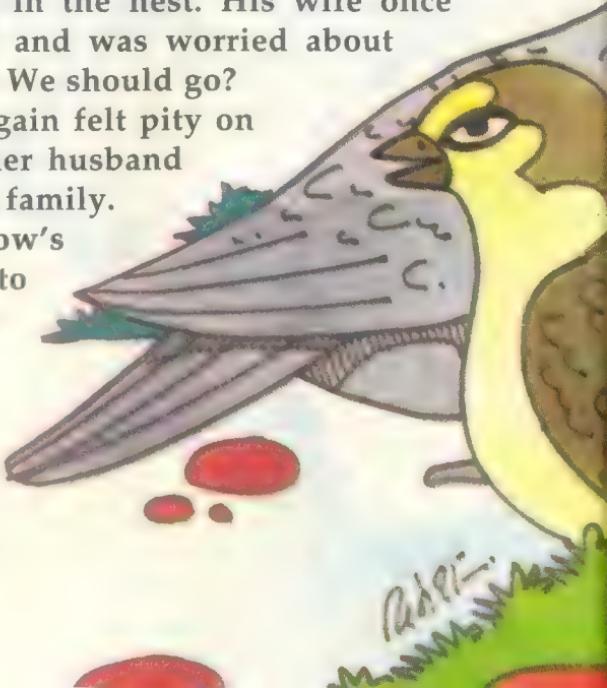
The Sparrow many times advised the Pigeon's wife to learn the nest-building; but the Pigeon's wife always ignored on some pretext or the other.

The Pigeon's children grew up and caused shortage of space in the nest. His wife once again became sad and was worried about what to do. Where We should go?

The Sparrow again felt pity on them and asked her husband to help the Pigeon family.

The Sparrow's husband agreed to build bigger nest on his wife's insistence.

The Pigeon family was very happy.



With the passage of time the Sparrow became friendly to the Pigeon family. They ate and flew together. The Sparrow was always concerned for the well being of the Pigeon and his family.

The Sparrow often suggested to the Pigeon's wife, "Now at least learn nest-building; otherwise you will find problem later on."

But the Pigeon's wife always evaded the suggestion. She was as such lazy.

On the top of it, she had no artistic bent of mind to build a nest on her own.

The Pigeon said to the Sparrow after being insisted a lot, "Forget it, who is going to learn nest-building. It is quite troublesome job to gather twigs. It is better to find a hole in the tree instead of building a nest.

"After a few days our children will learn flying and will fly away. We will then again find a hole in the tree for ourselves."

The Sparrow tried to explain a lot but without any success.

The Sparrow decided not to give suggestion to any foolish bird.

As a result the Pigeon never learnt the art of nest-building. And the Pigeon is still searching for holes in the trees to live in.



THERE WAS a huge mice colony near the jungle. A fat mouse was the chief of the mice. He had huge claws and an impressive face.

The chief was always alert. Thus even the cats shirked venturing towards the mice colony.

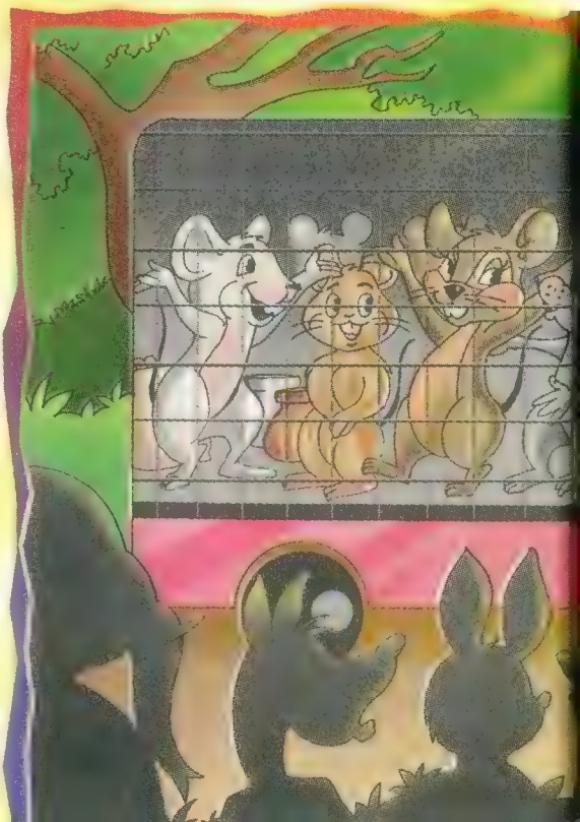
The cats tried to attack the mice colony many times but the chief always spilled water on their plans.

The mice were bored of staying at one place. One day they said to their chief, "Chief, we are quite bored of staying at one place; please take us out for a ride to the jungle."

The chief agreed to the request. He called for a special carriage which had an enclosure made up of wire-mesh. Inside the enclosure there were variety of eatables.

The mice boarded the carriage and the chief himself sat in the driver's seat after locking the carriage firmly. Then they moved for

A Trip To



a ride to the jungle.

The mice were enjoying a lot. They were making all sorts of noises.

The other animals of the jungle were quite surprised and staring at them.

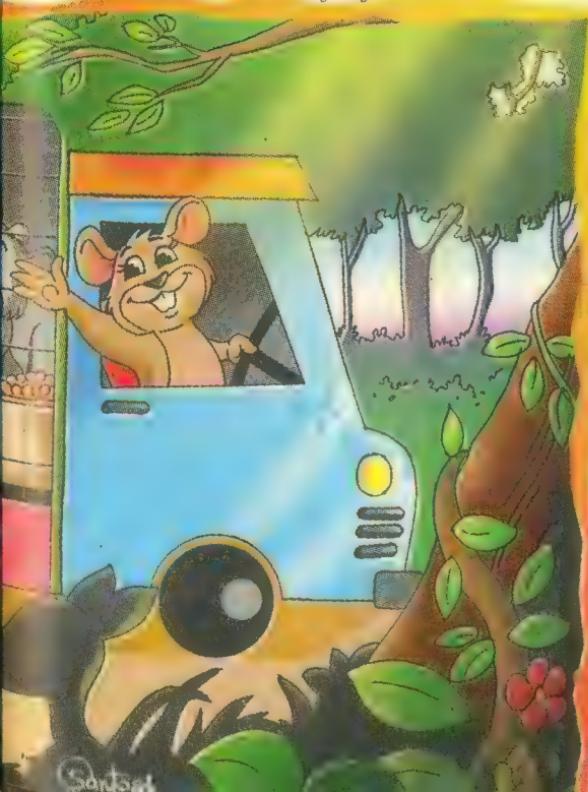
Further ahead there was also a colony of the cats.

The chief slowed down and warned the mice in the carriage, "Be careful, the cats can attack us. But do not get scared.

"Our enclosure is very strong. Only be careful that the enclosure is properly bolted from inside."

The Jungle

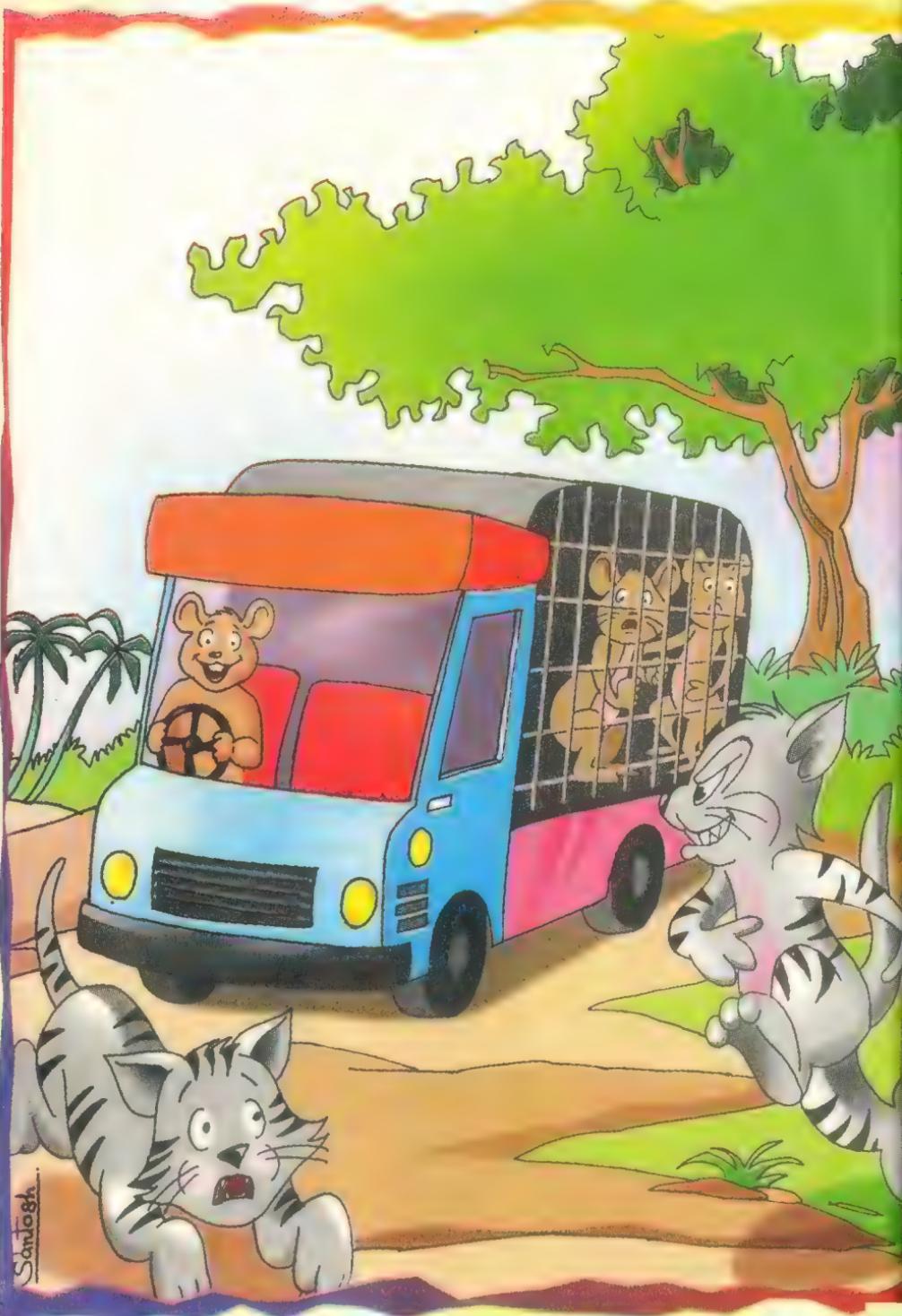
by Gyandev Mukesh



The mice said, "Don't worry chief, we will not get scared of the cats."

When the cats saw the mice, they were surprised. They started watering their mouth to see so many mice together at one place. Many cats assembled and then they surrounded the carriage.

They said to the chief, "Now you cannot escape to safety. In your own interest, you handed over few mice to us, we



will pardon rest of the mice.

The chief did not get scared at all. He said, "You better worry for safety of your own life. If I start my carriage, you all will get crushed."

The cats accepted the challenge and said, "If you dare, you can start your carriage."

The chief actually started the carriage. The cats ran to safety.

The cats who were behind the carriage started following the carriage.

Some of the cats climbed the carriage. The mice inside the carriage became scared and started shouting for help.

The chief consoled them and said, "Do not get scared of cats. They can do no harm to us.

"We are going to teach them a lesson of their lifetime and they will never ever dare to come near us."

The chief increased the speed of the carriage. The cats caught hold of the carriage.

When the chief reached near their colony, he applied sudden brakes. The carriage stopped abruptly. As the results, the hold of the cats became lose.

Ultimately, the cats' paws lost the hold and the cats fell down in front of the carriage and started mewing.

When the dogs saw the cats, they attacked them. The cats ran in all directions to save their lives. Many cats were killed by the dogs. They had got paid for their sins.

The carriage of mice moved ahead.

They all thanked their chief and began dancing to celebrate their victory over the cats. ●



Wake Up Call At Midnight

by Narendra Devangan

DEJU COCK lived in Pankajvan. He was very punctual by nature. Every morning he used to get on to the top of hillock and used to give wake up call to everybody.

All the animals in the jungle loved him for his good nature.

In the same jungle there also lived a wicked owl. His name was Bonu. He was extremely jealous of Deju because Deju was getting praise from everybody. But he was not able to do anything.

Bonu thought of a trick. Gradually, he made

friends with Deju. Very early in the morning Bonu used to come and sit in front of Deju's house. He waited for Deju to wake up.

Deju used to get up and used to climb the hillock to give his wake up call. Bonu also matched his voice with Deju's call.

Deju started believing that Bonu was his best friend. He always felt on the top of the world when he used to listen to his sweet talking.

One day Deju went far away in search of food. But he was disappointed when he did not find anything to eat. The sun had also gone down in the west. He was in a bad shape as he was hungry. He found it difficult to take even one step forward. He suddenly saw Bonu sitting on a tree. He was delighted.

Deju said, "Bonu Brother, I am hungry, please help me with some food to eat."

"You just wait here," said Bonu and he flew away.

Bonu returned after some time. He had a lot of rice with him. He gave the rice to Deju and then he flew away.

Deju returned home happily. After some days Deju was again going out in search of food. On the way he came across Bonu.

Bonu said, "Deju Brother; you have to go out everyday in search of food. I do not like this. If you want, you can get one month's food sitting at home."

Deju was excited. He said, "Food without any searching? How can it be possible?"

Bonu came near and said, "Yes it is possible, only you have to do a small favour to me."

"What favour?" asked Deju.

"But you have to promise that you will not say no to my request," said Bonu.

"Okay fine, but tell me what I have to do?" Deju showed his desperation.

Bonu said, "Today you have to give a wake up call in the middle of the night."

Deju became thoughtful.

Bonu saw Deju in a thoughtful mood. So he said, "Such a small work and you have become scared? Rainy season is round the corner. Where all you will be roaming in search of food? I can get you food for many days."

"But Bonu I fear if anything goes wrong then. When I will give call in the middle of the night; the animals will get disturbed in their sleep. What if they get angry?" Deju expressed his concern.

Bonu said, "Deju Brother, you do not worry at all. Even if you give a call in the middle of the night, nothing is going to happen. If any animal objects then you can say, I have given the wake up call at right time. It is not my fault if sun rises late."

Deju was influenced by wicked Bonu. In a greed





to get free food, Deju agreed to give wake up call in the middle of the night.

It was midnight. All the animals of Pankajvan were fast asleep. Suddenly, they got up at Deju's wake up call.

The moon was still shining in the sky.

They all were surprised, "What had happened to Deju, why he has given a call in the middle of the night?"

Blacky Bear became very angry. He came out of his house with a stick in his hand.

He thrashed Deju nicely. Jumpy Monkey too had become angry. He too caught hold of Deju and gave him 2 tight slaps on his face.

Other animals also cursed Deju.

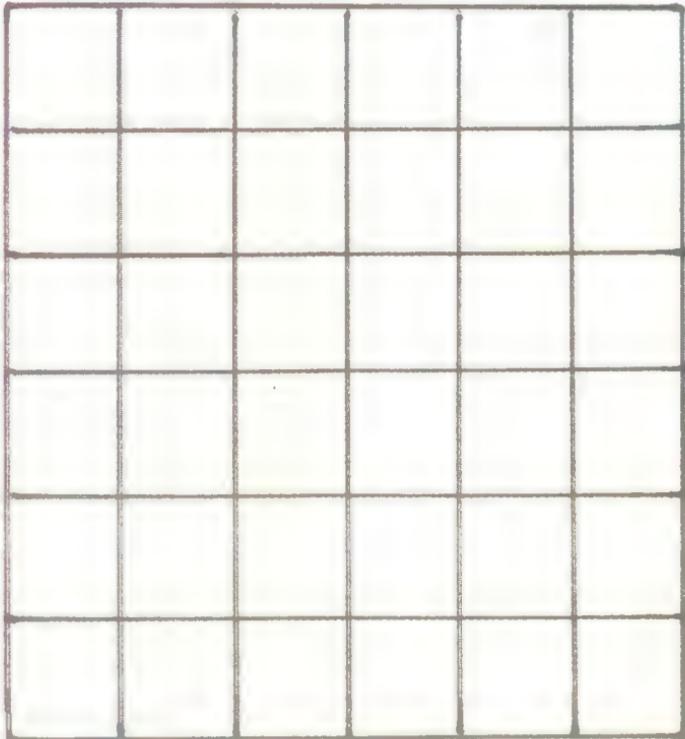
Bonus Owl was watching everything from a distance. He was very happy at the success of his plan.

That day Deju kept on thinking in his house, 'Had I not agreed to Bonus's suggestion, I would not have landed up in this trouble.'

Thereafter Bonus never came Deju to enquire about his welfare.



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CHIMPU DEER, Meeku Wolf, Tomy Dog, Jumpy Giraffe, Jumbo Elephant and Browny Bear, all were enjoying cricket.

"Forget cricket, let us play football," said Chimpu Deer when he saw Monty Elephant coming in the front. All the children had a hearty laugh.

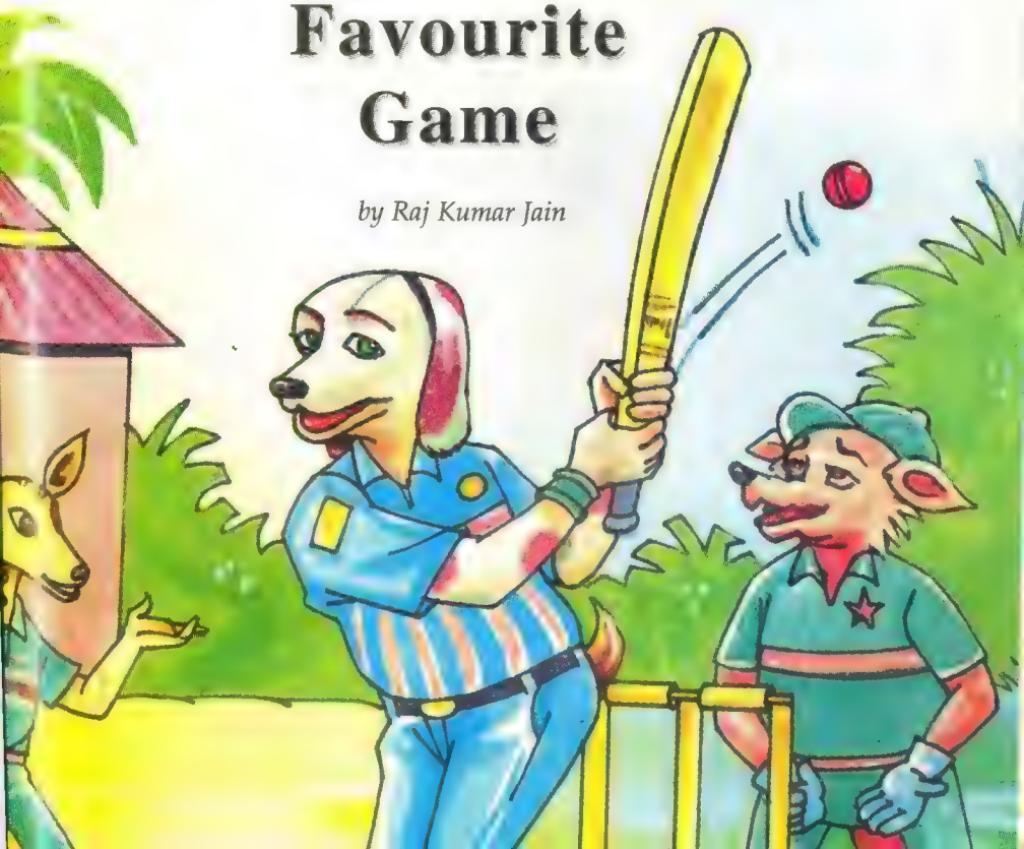
Monty Elephant was young and was a bit fat as well. He had come to the jungle little while ago. He did not like playing because nobody played his favourite game of badminton.

Monty loved to read books and watch television. He had hardly touched his feet to a football, but all animals teased him by calling him a 'football'.

All these teasings had no effect on Monty. But

Favourite Game

by Raj Kumar Jain



Blacky Bear heard the gang of animals teasing Monty. He loved Monty a lot.

Blacky had become very friendly with Monty's father, Rinku Elephant.

Blacky called Monty and said, "Son, why don't you play with the other children?"

"No Uncle, instead of playing with these wicked children, I better watch television or read books. Nobody plays my favourite game here," said Monty.

"But Monty, to play is equally important which makes your mind and body fit and alert," suggested Blacky lovingly.

"Now next you will say that I am very fat; that I should start dieting and do yoga," said Monty.

Blacky Bear laughed, "Monty, nobody can win you in arguments." He then paused for a while and



said, "And not even in badminton."

Monty instantly was excited as he heard about badminton and said, "Do you know badminton?"

"No I don't," replied Blacky, "but you are going to teach me, won't you?"

Badminton was Monty's favourite game. His father was transferred to the jungle and he was deprived of playing his favourite game. There was no badminton court in the jungle school.

A week later, the summer vacations started. Many animals went to the neighbouring jungle on summer vacations.

Now most of the evenings the playground was vacant. Monty started teaching badminton to Blacky and in turn Blacky taught cricket and football to Monty.

After the vacations when animals returned, they were surprised to see Monty's game.

The next day Chimpu Deer, Tony Dog, Jumpy Giraffe, Meeku Wolf, all of them went to Monty.

"Can you teach us this new game?" They requested Monty. Now the Monty elephant became the hero of the jungle. He even started playing football and cricket with his friends.

The schools were about to reopen after the summer break. Jumbo Elephant also returned back to Sundervan after enjoying summer vacations.

In the evening, on finding Chimpu Deer all alone, Jumbo said, "Eversince I have returned Monty is not being seen anywhere."

"And you will not see him ever, because he has become a cricket bat. He must be hitting fours and sixes with his friends," said Chimpu.

Everybody was happy to see Monty playing.

They had a lot of appreciation for his expertise in playing cricket.

Blacky Bear was really very happy because of his efforts. Monty had changed completely. ●

True Witness

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said just now. Panther had left the rock when the stone fell. Fisi can know nothing about it. He is a false witness."

Lion ordered Panther should be set free. He felt ashamed of himself for wrongly blaming Panther.

"Thank you, Kalulu," said he, "I have come to realise how many innocents have to suffer because of false witness. It requires great courage to come out with the truth."

"Long live, Kalulu," shouted the animals and hugged him one by one. The most grateful of them all was Panther, of course. ●

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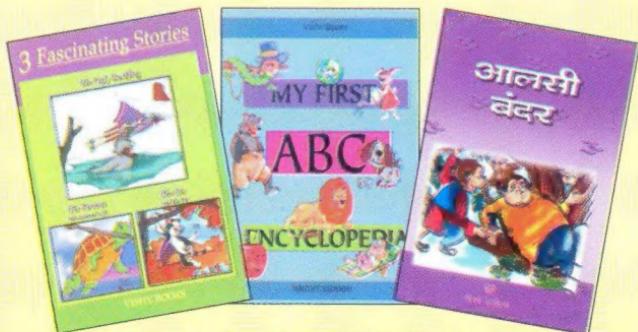
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